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THE BATTLE OF WOOSUNG.

CHINESE BEAT OFF MORE ATTACKS.

CHAPAI FIGHT.

Shanghai, Feb. 8, 6.56 p.m.
Japanese destroyers and a transport with troops are believed to have proceeded to Taungming Island yesterday evening, landing troops inland, a short distance from Liuhao Loochen, where they are proceeding along the Shanghai-Taichang motor road as far as Sunhsiang, behind Chenju, for the purpose of attacking the Chenju forces.

Meanwhile it is believed that naval guns stationed at Tsungming Island will fire on the Shanghai-Nanking Railway, the objective being the breaking of the railway between Quinsan and An Ting.

The Chenju radio station is still operating.

Chapel Artillery Battle.

The Chinese lines at Chapel fired Stokes mortars this morning. With a view to locating one particular gun, a Japanese seaplane at 10 a.m. reconnoitred; however, it failed, as following its departure the gun was again active.

Machine-guns were also firing west of the Odeon Theatre.

At 1 p.m. a heavy gun at Chapel was active, and at 2 p.m. the Japanese artillery at the rifle range in Hongkew Park opened an intensive bombardment at Chapel. The Chinese replied, shells falling in Kashing Road particularly.

Intermittent firing continued. Our Own Correspondent.

New Attack Launched.

Shanghai, Feb. 8, 10.48 p.m.
After a quiet day, a thundering bombardment opened shortly after dusk this evening, the Shanghai Volunteer outposts reporting that it is the heaviest firing heard since hostilities commenced, ten days ago.

The incessant roar of artillery and rattle of machine-guns lasted for three hours, after which the engagement moved in a north-easterly direction from Chapel railway station, indicating that the Chinese were driving the Japanese back. Reuter.

British Maintain Neutrality.

Shanghai, Feb. 8, 11.19 p.m.
The Chapel front is being subjected to bombardment, and occasional shells, Chinese and Japanese, are falling within the British post.

Strongly constructed sandbagged barricades are held by British Volunteers, with firing stops manned on both sides, one facing Chapel and the other facing the Japanese troops occupying the barricade in the Settlement in Range Road, in view of repeated Japanese attempts at attacks on the Chinese positions through this strategic point in the British sector.

The British sandbag shelters are adorned with imitable notices reminiscent of the Great War, such as "Don't make a noise. We may be asleep." Others cannot be reported. Reuter.

Hand Grenades Used.

Shanghai, Feb. 8, 6.36 p.m.
At noon, Japanese troops were meeting with strong opposition from the other side of Woosung creek. The Chinese used hand grenades and machine-guns.

The Japanese are busy constructing bridges in order to commence large-scale operations.

Japanese headquarters have been established at the Woosung railway workshops.

Panic reigns in Woosung village, which is aflame. Our Own Correspondent.

Fort Still Held Out.

Shanghai, Feb. 8, 11.30 p.m.
Woosung city and fort are still stubbornly held by the Chinese troops, after to-day's severe fighting with the Japanese troops, supported by armoured cars and destroyers moored very close to the



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river bank, relentlessly and tirelessly pouring in shells. Reuter.

Japan Explains.

Tokyo, Feb. 8.
Referring to American criticism of the Japanese action in bombarding the Woosung forts, the Foreign Office spokesman explains that the action of the forts in firing on Japanese ships last week showed it would be dangerous to transport troops past Woosung so long as the forts remained intact.

Moreover, Woosung was the most suitable place to land a large body of troops, if further disturbance in the International Settlement of Shanghai was to be avoided. Reuter Morning Post Special.

Ten Party to Pressmen.

Shanghai, Feb. 8, 6.36 p.m.
Representatives of the Nineteenth Route Army this afternoon entertained newspapermen to tea at the Burlington Hotel, to discuss the situation. Our Own Correspondent.

Ronald Colman Arrested.

Shanghai, Feb. 8.
The famous movie star, Ronald Colman, who is in Shanghai on a round-the-world tour fell afoul of the Settlement police last night when he was found on the streets with friends after curfew hour.

He was taken to Police headquarters and cautioned as to the proper observance of the law. This morning Mr. Colman visited the standing emplacements along the Szechow Creek occupied by the 4th Marines. Reuter.

Visiting U.S. Troops.

Shanghai, Feb. 8, 6.36 p.m.
Mr. Ronald Colman, of movie fame, was out last night after curfew hours, and was taken to police headquarters and cautioned as to a proper observance of the law here.

To-day he is visiting the American troops in the various front line areas. Our Own Correspondent.

Adm. Nomura Speaks.

Shanghai, Feb. 8, 11.30 p.m.
Vice-Admiral Nomura, interviewed this evening aboard his

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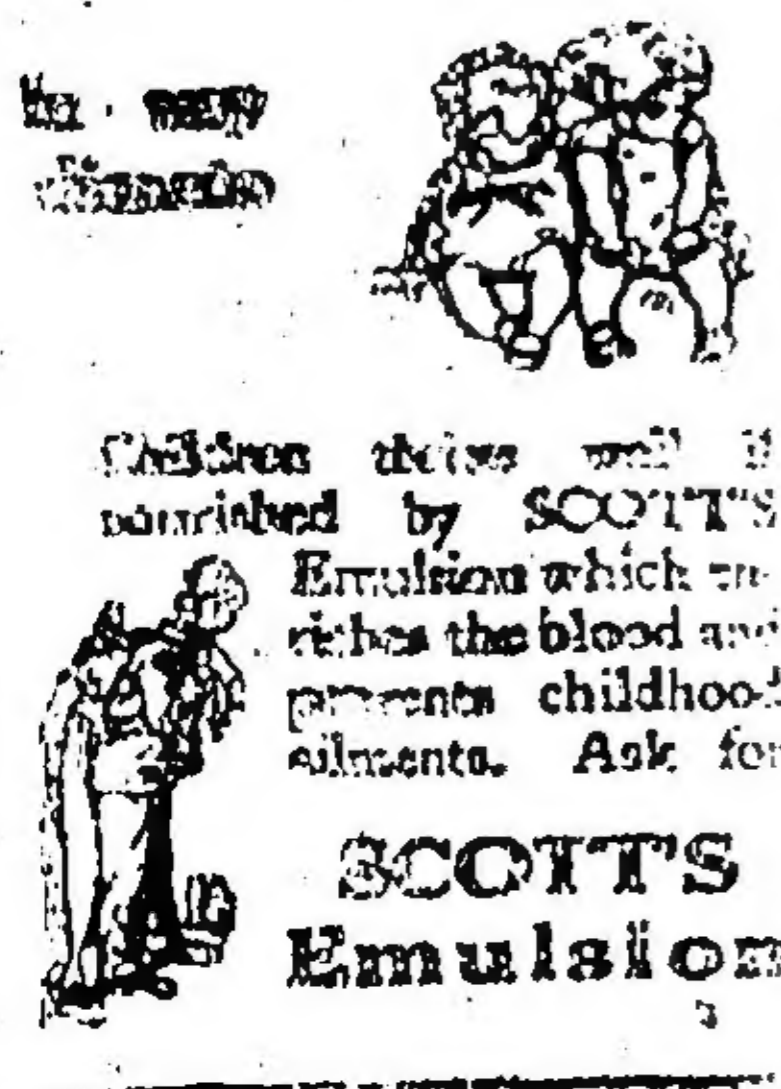
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TOKYO FEELERS.

PLAN FOR PERMANENT
SOLUTION.Tokyo, Feb. 8.
What are frankly admitted to be feelers aiming at a permanent solution of the Shanghai problem in particular, and the China problem in general, were put out at the Foreign Office this morning.

Briefly the proposal is that there shall be established demilitarized zones, fifteen to twenty miles in width, around the principal trading ports, notably Shanghai, Hankow, Tientsin, Canton and Tientsin, while Manchuria is also to be demilitarized, though a portion of the better disciplined Chinese troops will be utilized as police.

A Policy of "Interference."

The Foreign Office spokesman, outlining the proposal, admitted that it runs counter to the ideas formulated at the Washington Conference which aimed at providing a stable government in China by a policy of non-interference from the outside.

Ten years trial had, however, proved the ineffectiveness of this policy and it appears as shown that the only way to attain the desired result is to substitute a policy of interference which will ultimately benefit China, especially the merchant class even more than it will benefit the Powers, though both would profit.

The proposal, which is likely to be broached formally at the International Conference to settle the present Shanghai dispute, would therefore, it is claimed, have the same object as the Nine Power Pact but would approach it from a different angle and supersede the pact.

Blow at War Lords.

Further explaining the proposal, the spokesman emphasized the fact that the creation of militarized zones around the principal cities would strike a blow at the War Lords who, he said, were the main cause of the instability of China as they would be unable to exist if their activities were confined to the country districts instead of their being able to batten on the cities as they do at the present time. The chief beneficiaries therefore would be the Chinese merchants who would be able to carry on their business undisturbed.

While recognizing that it would be necessary first to crystallize public opinion abroad for what was characterized as a "moral programme" rather than a political one, the spokesman thought China might be induced to agree if the Powers offered to give up extrajury in all parts of China

except in the five demilitarized cities.

Powers to Be Sounded.

The Powers have not yet been officially sounded, stated the spokesman but Japanese diplomatic representatives abroad had been instructed to seek a suitable occasion to broach the idea either officially or unofficially.

Referring to the proposal to demilitarize the city zones, the Foreign Office spokesman emphasized that there was no intention of retaining Japanese troops in the Shanghai area until an agreement thereon had been reached. He asserted that the troops would be withdrawn as soon as the immediate object—that of safeguarding Japanese interests—had been attained, in order to avoid any extension of the fighting. He also declared that Japan had no intention of seeking the establishment of a Japanese concession in Shanghai.—Reuter.

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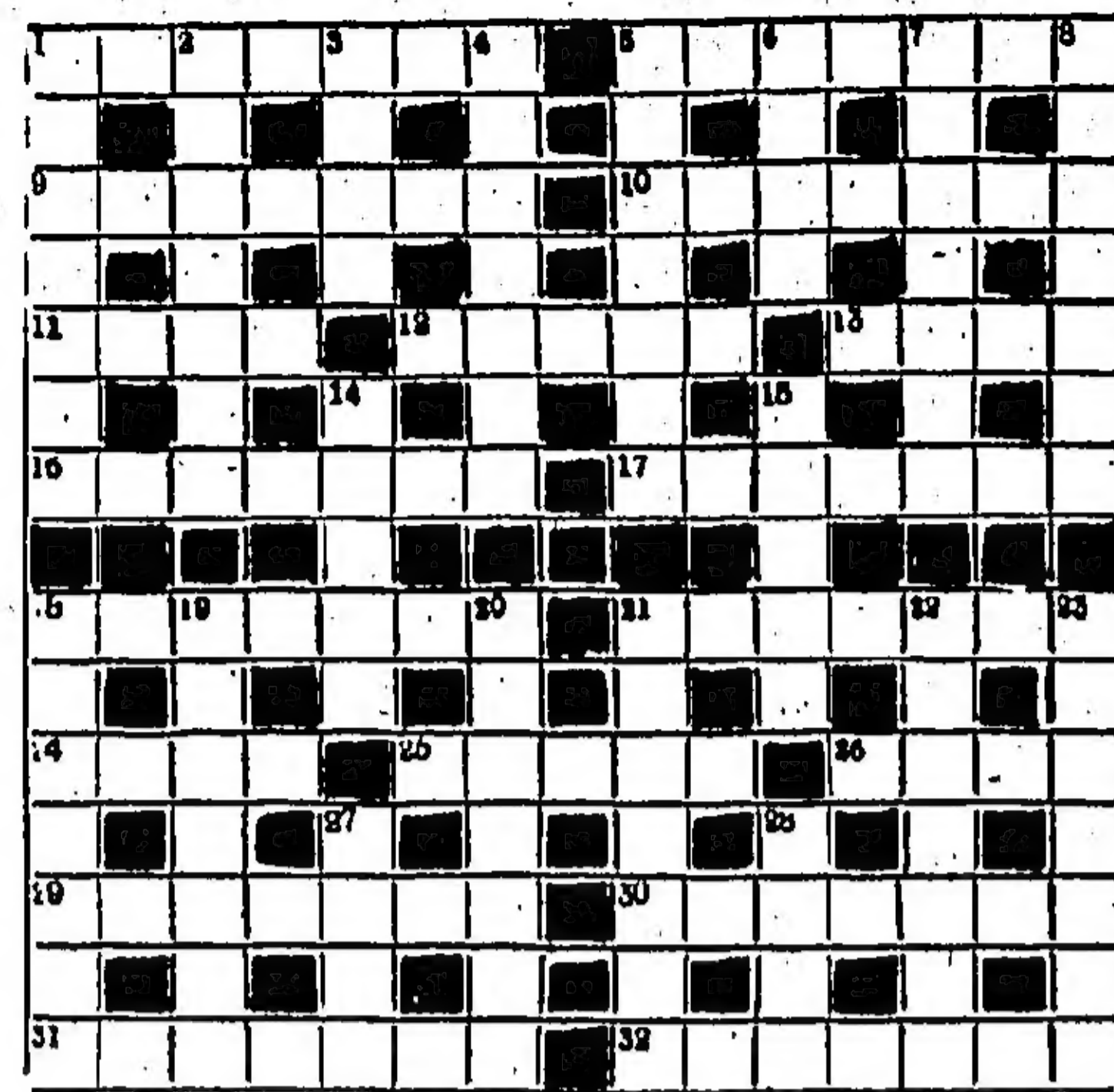
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- 11 It's a mere trifle, but you may send me back after it.
- 12 Here poor Ethel is in oblivion.
- 13 To deviate from an upright position in a way abhorrent to Mrs. John Spratt.
- 16 Another form of 9.
- 17 Indicated, though not indeed shown.
- 18 Prominent politicians fill the picture.
- 21 Inspires.
- 24 Charity, though on the strict side, sometimes makes considerable noise.
- 25 This hobgoblin's head is of but little use to him.
- 26 You'll find this in the year.
- 29 It's past your dinner-time, as the sheep said to the ewe.
- 30 Strain.
- 31 Plants.
- 32 To be so angry about the poet's island is to give quite a wrong impression.

Down

- 1 May need to be increased when one suffers from swelled head, and so upast.
- 2 Regard.
- 3 Not the kind of tree to shelter under on a hot day.
- 4 Man's seems to be earth, water and air.
- 5 Ran round the tree and was gone instantly.

- 6 An indication of disorder in the House.
- 7 Merciful.
- 8 Longed for, and, for the most part, well deserved.
- 14 One of the United States—no Yankee can forget it.
- 15 Furnish with a gift—if not from the gods, from one of them, at any rate.
- 18 Restricted.
- 19 Meditate in bed and be bewildered as a result.
- 20 A girl assists in the making of these common coins.
- 21 Pomade.
- 22 "My leisure serves me, —daughter, now" ("Romeo and Juliet").
- 23 The woman who is this is quite peeved—though the poet puts it rather more emphatically.
- 27 Give this English river an extra head: then plunge in.
- 28 Taken up with the odds, perhaps.

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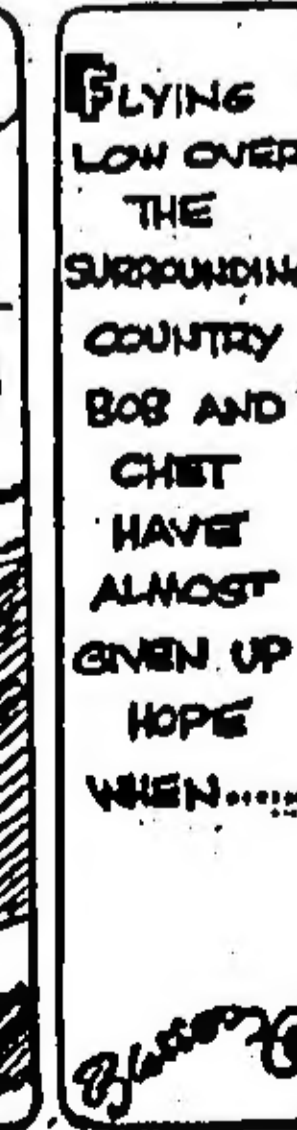
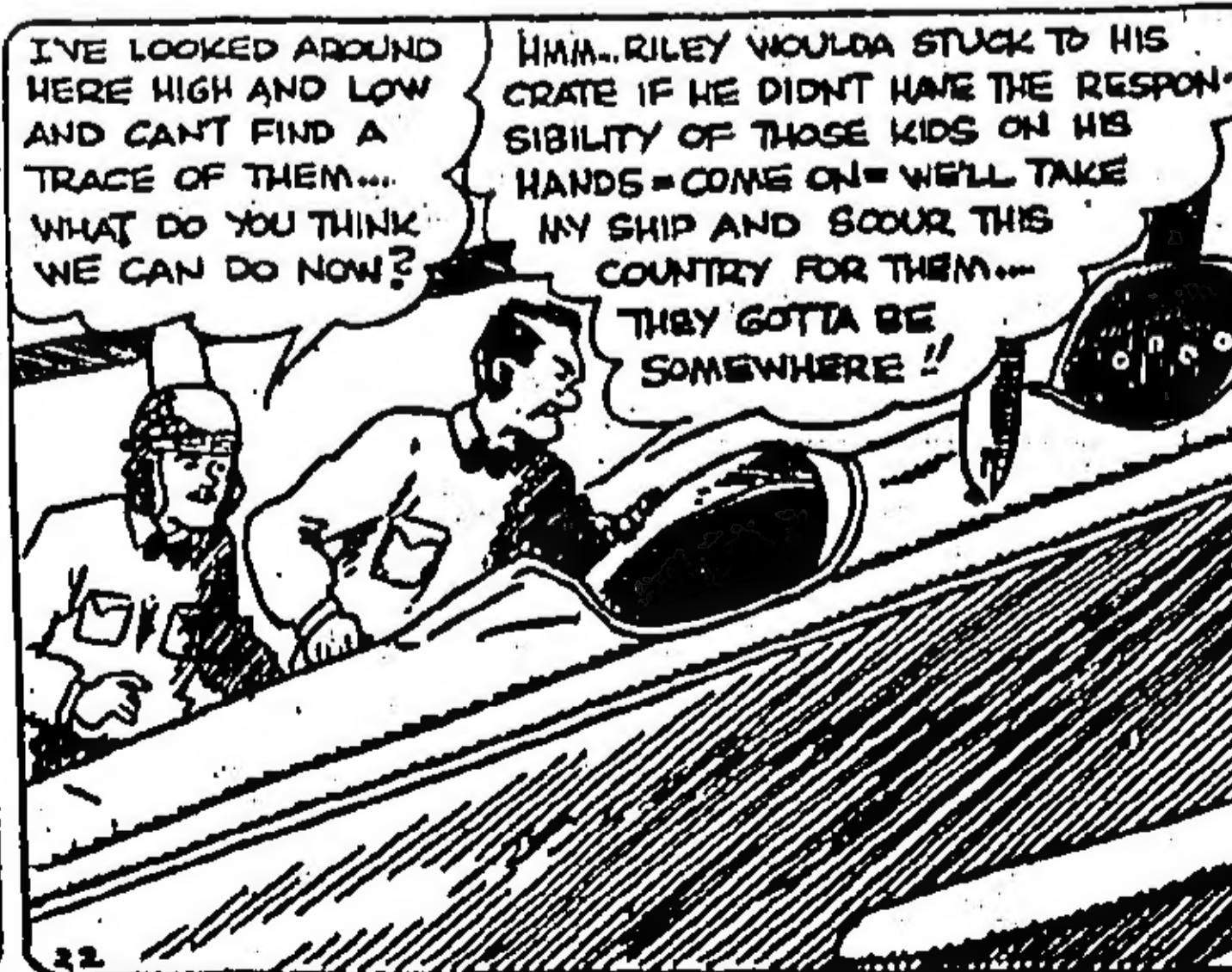
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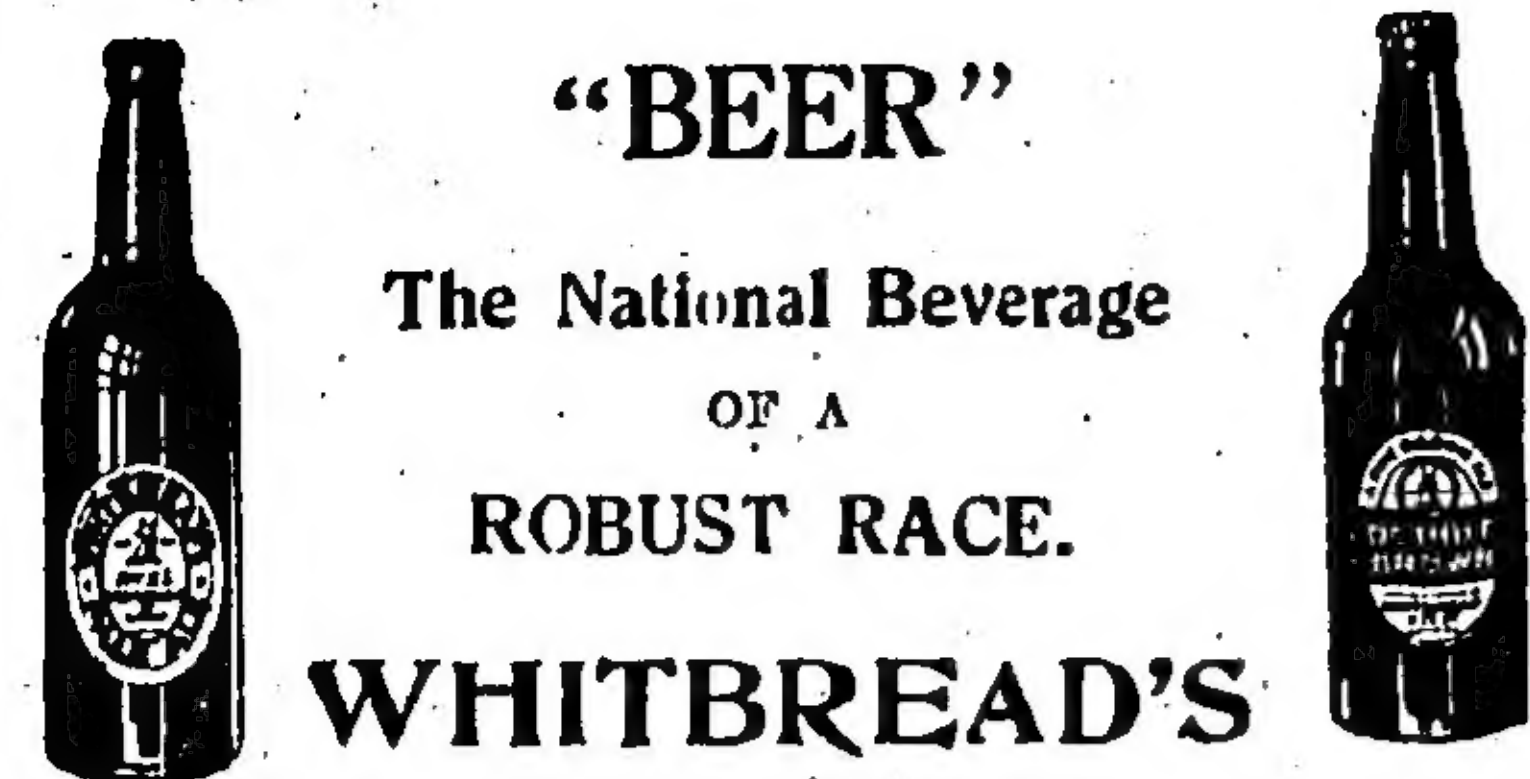
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The Hongkong Telegraph.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1932.

JAPAN AND THE CRISIS.

The situation as between China and Japan has not undergone any marked change during the past two or three days, unless it be that the conflicts in which the rival forces are engaged are daily taking on more and more of the characteristics of a real war. Continued bombardments and actual hand-to-hand fighting reveal the fact that nothing effective has been done to prevent the situation developing along even more serious lines. In the circumstances, the position is one of continued gravity, and there are no indications that the Japanese intend letting up in their attacks on the Chinese defenders, who are offering a far more stubborn resistance than was expected.

With the arrival of the first mail from Shanghai since serious trouble broke out, we learn that foreign opinion there was first inclined to be somewhat lenient towards the Japanese, on the ground that they had suffered a good deal of provocation, but that this attitude has now undergone a marked change, with the result that the Japanese are being severely condemned for pitching into the Chinese without giving them a chance of making good their promises in respect of the four demands. Here we touch on the vital point of the Japanese policy in Shanghai. The Japanese justification for taking drastic action rests on an allegation that whilst their marines were proceeding to take up their assigned positions for the defence of the Settlement, Chinese troops opened fire on them and precipitated a conflict of which the present situation is the outcome. This allegation is repeated in the latest statement issued by the Tokyo Government, but neither in the very detailed reports which we have received from our own correspondent and from Reuters, nor in the versions contained in Shanghai newspapers to hand, is there any mention of such an incident. It was at 2 p.m. on January 28th that the Japanese Consul received the reply from the Mayor of Shanghai agreeing to all the four demands put forward. This reply was accepted as being satisfactory. At 4 p.m. the State of Emergency was declared. The next development was at 8.30 p.m. when Admiral Shioyama announced his decision to occupy Chapel. The reason given in the Admiral's proclamation was clear and specific: It was that "the Imperial Japanese Navy, feeling extreme anxiety about the situation in Chapel, where Japanese nationals reside in great numbers, have decided to

send out troops to this section for the enforcement of law and order." No mention whatever is made of Japanese marines having been fired on whilst proceeding to their assigned positions in the Settlement defence scheme. At midnight, the occupation began, "according to plan," followed by an intense aerial bombardment. In other words, Japan had evidently decided to occupy Chapel, no matter whether the reply to the four demands were satisfactory or otherwise. Certainly no opportunity whatever was given the Chinese to discharge their promises.

There is another aspect of the Tokyo Government's latest statement which calls for comment. It is the statement that additional reinforcements were sent by Japan to relieve the inhabitants of all nationalities from the strain of fear and disquiet, and for the protection of the common interests of the Powers, with whom Japan says she is co-operating in contributing peace and well-being in the Far East. The claims would be more seriously taken were it not for the fact that the Powers have in no uncertain manner expressed their disapproval of Japanese action in Shanghai. It surely cannot be seriously contended that Japan's policy reflects co-operation with the Powers when these selfsame Powers have felt impelled to utter strong protests against the measures she has seen fit to employ. That is asking too much for the outside world to believe.

The Battle of the Sexes.

A recent magazine contains another of those dissertations (by a male writer) to the effect that men can do such-and-such much better than women. This time it is housekeeping. The world is told that women are unalterably conservative, that they will not accept mechanical improvements or follow directions. Men would do up the day's housework in two hours, is the claim. Whether this includes answering the telephone and doorbell, doing the mending and looking after the children is not stated. It is easy to make such generalizations, which at best are theoretical, there being too few available examples on which to base them. A worker fresh from another field of endeavour can frequently see where certain methods can be improved. Anyone who for years has carried on the same work—as have many of those women who are dubbed unalterably "conservative" because not willing to adopt new devices without some thought—needs to be consistently alert to keep from slipping into ruts. Few would deny that there are some men who would make more efficient housekeepers than some women; or that there are some women who have shown themselves better at business than some men. Some men drive motorcars better than some women; and vice versa. All men are not "natural" drivers or business experts. Nor are all women "natural" housekeepers. There is a phase of mentality, however, which likes to make sweeping generalizations based entirely upon sex. Choosing cases of inefficiency in some field, it finds profound satisfaction in blacklisting one entire sex, to the unqualified glory of the other. Something peculiarly immature and superficial lurks in such generalizations. There are too many different kinds of men and of women, too many proved exceptions in every kind of achievement or failure, to allow for broad conclusions defined merely by a line between the sexes. This back-fence boasting, this boy-and-girl sticking out of tongues, would be too trivial to merit notice were it not for certain consequences. Apart from its prevalence as a species of self-indulgence, it rouses an unkind sort of mass backbiting, a counter-boasting, invidious comparisons and invidious antagonisms between men and women who in this age of wider horizons are learning the need of expressing co-operation and not rivalry. Perhaps the day when an excellent male housekeeper may without neighbourhood comment, change places with an efficient business wife is yet far off. But there are few homes which could not benefit from masculine attention to genuine home-making.

DAY BY DAY

YOU NEVER CAN CITE THE EXAMPLE OF A THOROUGHLY HAPPY MAN, FOR NO ONE BUT THE MAN HIMSELF KNOWS ANYTHING ABOUT IT.—Rousseau.

After the holidays, the Hongkong dollar is unchanged, the demand rate being 1s. 5.1/16d.

The Empress of Britain, now on a world cruise, is due to leave Manila at 6 p.m. to-day and will arrive here at 7 a.m. on Thursday.

A cabaret dinner dance is to be given by the Society of Yorkshiresmen in Hongkong at the roof garden of the Hongkong Hotel on Friday, the 10th inst. at 7.15 p.m.

Amongst the passengers who arrived here by the Empress of Russia were Sir Victor Sassoon, Sir William Hornell, Mr. E. H. C. Hornell, Mrs. G. E. Costello, Mr. C. Benbowe Rowe and Mr. L. Kadorie.

We are informed by Messrs. Dodwell and Co., Ltd. that the s.s. Ganget left Shanghai on Monday morning and is due here to-morrow (Wednesday) morning. She will go alongside Kowloon Wharf and sail to-morrow at 6 p.m. for Europe.

The Earl and Countess of Stafford are aboard the new Canadian Pacific liner Empress of Britain, which is due in Hongkong on a world tour on Thursday. Whilst in Singapore, they spent the day at Government House, as the guests of Sir Cecil and Lady Clement.

On charges of offering a bribe of \$50 to Inspector G. A. Stimson, two members of the crew of a fishing boat were committed for trial by Mr. Schofield at the Central Police Court this morning. The first defendant, who is the master of the craft, was fined \$200 for possession of dynamite, detonators and fuse on board the boat. Mr. Hin-shing Lo represented both accused.

SUGAR MARKET.

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especially in guiding children; and where the back-fence boasting is thoroughly and honestly eliminated from the scene, many a feminine housekeeper doubtless welcomes her husband's suggestions concerning short-cut methods. Furthermore, there is certainly many a man who owes much of his success to the discernment and business efficiency of some woman. All of which is only another way of saying that abilities are not merely a question of sex.

A PLAGUE OF SUPERMEN.

By "OLD STAGER."

IT has been left to a woman scientist to announce, ex cathedra, a great psychological truth that many ignorant laymen have long suspected. We are all of us conscious of a fact that history corroborates. We recognise that most of the troubles that afflict an otherwise not uncomfortable humanity can be traced to a relatively few masterful spirits who constitute themselves the disturbers of the peace.

It is the same in all perspectives of life. Nations and families would contrive to jog along together happily enough, if it were not for the persistent interference of individual busybodies and mischief-makers.

It has now been discovered that these upsetting entities, the national autocrats and domestic tyrants alike, are all suffering from overeating. In the earliest months of infancy it is the baby who makes most noise that gets most sustenance. Even infantile mentality soon grows to appreciate this fact, now attested by earnest science, and it proceeds shamelessly to trade upon it. Thus we have the repulsive spectacle of blackmail in the cradle, and its astute practitioners, during their physically most impressionable period, imbibe more than their normal share of sustenance. Inevitably they grow up into heavily over-vitaminized adults.

The habit contracted in the nursery persists until the grave. The intelligent lady scientist to whom we owe this definite analysis of baby psychology goes so far as to quote the regimental sergeant-major. Millions of men who have encountered that military gentleman will be profoundly grateful for the insurance that he is suffering from over-nutrition. That, and that alone, explains his bristling ginger moustache and his parade-ground bark.

All Over-Fed.

But the respected R.S.M. does not stand alone. The same is obviously and equally true of all kinds of supermen and bullies. Nearly all the unpleasantness in this world, which might be such a tranquil temporary resthouse for poor transient mortals, is due to a similar order of grossly over-nourished kill-joys.

It is the three-bottle baby, in his or her adult manifestation of later life, whose restless energy or masterful ambition keeps the rest of us in a constant turmoil of unrest. This adequately explains the Trade Union boss, the political tub-thumper, the earnest revolutionary, the office slay-driver, the autocrat of the breakfast-table, and even the club bore. We find these super-charged agitators in every walk of life and every grade of human activity. When other people are well content to be quiescent, and let things be, these masterful spirits with the glutinous infancy must be up and doing. They belong to an order of men and women who seem to have been born with their sleeves tucked up. Not for them the soothing atmosphere of Lotusland. A place that was always slumbrous afternoon would drive them crazy in no time.

They had no joy in immemorial elms and the haunts of murmuring bees. They must be after hewing down the elms to make

political platforms or forensic tubs, and the bees must be busybees. Their instinct is to be changing everything, at once and wherever they may be, and they always call their changes "reforms." The joy of inertia, the charm of quiet meditation, the capture of contemplation are alike unknown and hostile to their mentality and make-up. They are, in brief, Nature's regimental sergeant-majors.

And just as one full-blooded R.S.M. can wreck the happiness of a whole battalion, so one of these disturbers of the peace in civilian affairs can upset the content of a whole community or the blessed calm of a whole household. Their misadroit energies distill throughout the world. They are the authors and patentees of the world's unrest.

A Waste of Effort.

The majority of mankind is more or less tolerant of existing conditions, and well-disposed towards things in general. But always it happens, sooner or later, that some superman, which we now know means someone who has acquired more than his or her fair share of vitamins, starts stirring up turmoil.

Whole nations, under the influence of these dynamic bullies, go through the throes of revolution and civil war maybe, just to gratify their over-leaping ambitions that can be traced to gourmandising in the cradle. After all the dust has settled, and the casualties have been disposed of, most people are neither better nor worse off than they were before the disastrous upheaval. All the ferment and agony have been, for them, so much wasted effort and needless discomfort. But it is most and drink to the supermen. History is full of examples of hustlers who have martyred nations for a faded laurel wreath.

No doubt we shall be told that these active spirits, whom I call bullies, are the world's great reformers, that they are in fact the salt of the earth. I think a more fitting description would be the pepper of the world.

Regarding the records of authentic history, and dispassionately size up the mass achievements of the world's most famous revolutionaries, conquerors, and prophets. Does the sum total of their best accomplishments for humanity come near compensating for all the misery and suffering they caused? It is probable that the world's increasing purpose, that runs throughout the ages, would work out its own salvation just as well, and almost as quickly, without outside assistance from the superman. Behind the blistering pageant of the world's dictators, I fancy, lies a sordid record of personal ambition and greedy machination.

That plain, blunt man, Mark Antony, was only partly right. Both Brutus and Caesar were ambitious. My admiration goes out more readily to the quiet energy of the world's silent pioneers, to the practical engineer, the earnest scientist, the inspired poet, or the cloistered literary worker, even to the great actor or stage comedian, than to those frenzied agitators who are for ever busying themselves with their neighbours' affairs trying to change the way they live and spend their days, and bellowing for a millennium whose promised golden dawn keeps retreating as mankind "advances."

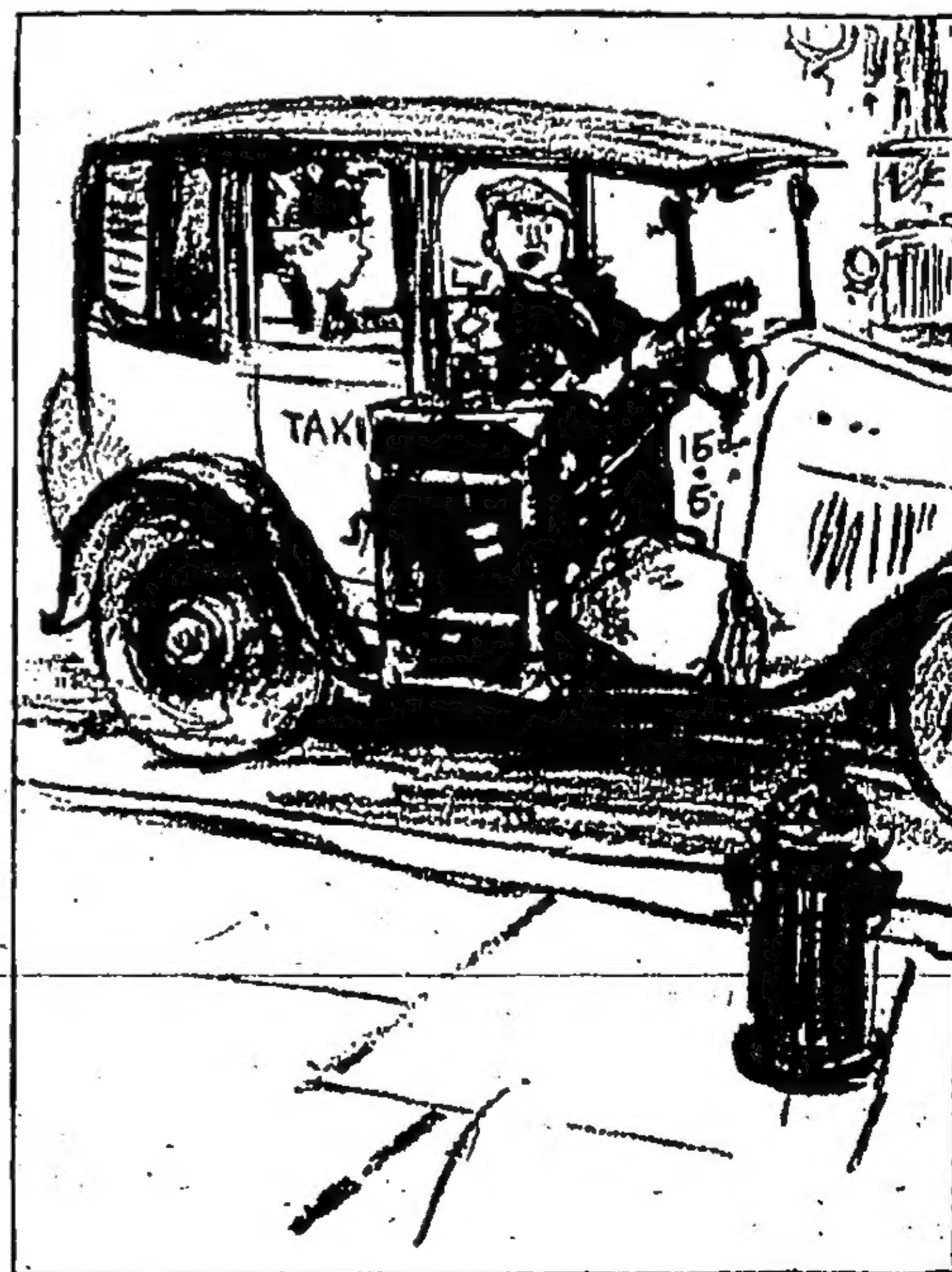
Meddling Politicians.

My Utopia holds an atmosphere that agitators cannot breathe. We are told that, in the Kingdom of the Blind, the one-eyed man is king. In the republic of the extreme democrat the loudest-voiced tub-thumper is dictator. There will always be evils to cure, injustices to remedy, inequalities to soften, but meanwhile all of us have but the one short life to live.

Mankind has need, in this world, of something more than politics. It is good sometimes to get away from the raucous arena, where political quacks shout their panaceas, and to watch the sky through country treetops whilst lying with one's back on the primal grass of Mother Earth. The more politicians meddle with the universe, the worse they are likely to make it.

The mania for making everybody happy by Act of Parliament is as futile as the notion that we can all be made rich by taxation. The wisdom of the ancients proclaimed the happiest country the one with the fewest laws. A modern philosopher might add—and the fewest politicians. The red-faced orator on the soap-box is a fit and proper subject for curative treatment. In the interest of normal, contented folk, he ought to be medically de-vitaminized.

The world has known but one inspired Prophet. He preached the Sermon on the Mount, and its significant slogan was, not Ave Imperator, but Blessed are the meek.



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Built for the P. and O. service from London and Marseilles to the Far East, the Carthage combines comfort and ease in travelling with beauty and luxury of taste. There are single and double bedrooms, some with private bath, all furnished with a care of detail pleasing to the eye.

Superbly appointed lounges, foyers, dining rooms and smoking rooms are features of the vessel. In addition the ship possesses an open-air swimming bath on deck, a spacious verandah cafe with an American bar, children's nursery and many other minor facilities for passengers. The vessel has a tonnage of 14,600 tons, and is provided with every convenience which forethought and ingenuity have been able to contrive for the comfort and enjoyment of passengers.

Smoking Room.

This room, paneled in the 17th Century manner, with carved mantelpiece and comfortable furniture, is a fine example of the P. & O. practice of combining beauty of design with practical arrangement. Large lattice windows give light to the room by day, and diffused artificial lighting adds to its charm by night.

The George V lounge imparts an air of restfulness and quietude in an atmosphere of beauty and modernity. Over the fireplace hangs a fine painting, on either side of which is a decorative panel lit from behind. The subdued patterns of the carpets, and the unpolished mahogany and symmetrical furniture all add to the charms of the room.

The second class public rooms are planned on much the same generous lines as are those of the first class. The dining room is reminiscent of a modern French style and is paneled with sycamore plywood, with its doors, skirtings and pilasters in polished walnut. Its skilfully designed lighting and its walnut furniture may be described as a model of quiet, good taste.

Music Room.

The music room or lounge is eminently suited for the purpose for which it has been designed. It is paneled in bird's-eye maple, its doors and columns being of polished walnut. The furniture is of walnut and uncut moquette, with loose crocheted covers. Inset in a handsome marble fireplace is an electric fire, and the floor of the room is covered beneath its carpets with rubberium paid in panel effects.

The second class smoking room is decorated in the Georgian style, of which it is suggestive. Two leaded glass windows find their place in the forward bulk-head, and the octagonal ceiling lights and electric candle brackets in bronze add a pleasantly modern touch. An electric fire set in a handsome fireplace adds to the room's cheerful aspect.

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SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.
The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:Banks.
Hongkong Bank, \$1370 ss.
Chartered Bank, \$12 n.
Mercantile A. and B., \$18 n.
East Asia, \$127½ n.Insurances.
Canton Ins., \$1,350 n.
Union Ins., \$400 ss.
China Underwriters, \$4,62½ n.
China Fire, \$590 n.
H.K. Fire Ins., \$1,250 n.Shipping.
Doughson, \$25 n.
H. K. Steamships, \$23 n.
Indo-China, (Prof.) \$46 n.
Union Waterboats, \$25 n.Mining.
Benguet, \$11.50 ss.
Kallans, 30/- s.
S'hai Explorations, Tls. 2.70 n.
Rauba, \$30 s.Docks, etc.
Kowloon Wharves, \$153 b.
Whampoa Docks, \$29 n.
South China Motors \$10 n.
Providents (old), \$5.30 n.
Hongkew, Tls. 220 n.New Engineers, Tls. 6½ n.
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 90½ n.Cottons.
Two Cottons, Tls. 15 n.
Shanghai Cottons, Tls. 80½ n.
Zoon Sings Tls. 1½ n.H.K. Hotels (old) \$13.90 ss.
H.K. S. Hotels (new) \$13 n.
H. K. Lands, \$78½ ss.S'hai Lands, Tls. 30 n.
Humphreys, \$18 n.
Haulties, \$11.65 n.Public Utilities.
Tramways, \$21.10 b.
Peak Trams, (old), \$15.60 n.Star Ferries, \$99 b.
China Lights, \$22½ n.
H. K. Electric, \$75 b.Macao Electric, \$23 n.
Telephones, \$43 n.
China Buses, Tls. 10 n.Singapore Tractions, 3/- b.
Industrials.
Malbons, \$38 n.Canton Ice, \$5 n.
Cements (com.), \$17.60 s.
Ropes, \$16 s.Stores, etc.
Dairy Farms, \$28 b.
Watsons, \$16.50 n.Der A. Wings, \$1 n.
Lane Crawfords, \$6.35 n.
Mackintosh, \$19 b.Sinceres, \$16 n.
Powells, \$8.60 n.Miscellaneous.
Amusements, \$18 b.
Entertainments (old) \$16¼ n.Constructions (old), \$5.10 ss.
S. C. Enterprises \$10 n.
Constructions (new), \$2 ss.B. Ind. G. Bonds, \$58% n.
Loans, \$8% b. Prem.

EXCHANGE RATES.

Thursday. Yesterday.
Paris.....87½.....87½
Geneva.....17½.....17½Orelin.....14.7/32.....14.7/32
Orelin.....18%.....18%
Helsingfors.....22½.....22½Athens.....270.....270
Buenos Aires.....30%.....30%
Shanghai.....1/10.10/16.....1/10.10/16New York.....3.46%.....3.46%
Amsterdam.....3.45%.....3.45%
Vienna.....32.....32Madrid.....44.6/16.....44.6/16
Bucharest.....580.....580
Hongkong.....1/16.15/32.....1/16.15/32Brussels.....24.75.....24.75
Milan.....60%.....60%
Stockholm.....17.13/16.....17.13/16Copenhagen.....18%.....18%
Prague.....116%.....116%
Lisbon.....100%.....100%Rio.....4.3/16.....4.3/16
Bombay.....1/16.9/32.....1/16.9/32
Yokohama.....2/0%.....2/0%Montevideo.....31.....31
Montreal.....3.06.....3.06
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It took me twelve days and ten letters to get permission to see the this hoard of gold—and getting permission is not everything. The policemen at the doors have first to be assured that one's permit is not faked, the armed guards within have then to be passed. I was interviewed by three officials, who had revolvers at their hips. Not until I had passed all their questions with flying colours was I permitted to follow another official into the smooth, cell-like lift.

There was no starting lever. My guide had to telephone to an invisible operator in the vaults for the lift to be lowered, and even then he had to give three passwords. We descended. We stopped where there was not room for the two of us to walk abreast, and I had to precede my guide. A corridor of solid steel! I was told that the walls were eight feet thick. Upon the other side of them the sea surged. Had we two been a marauding horde, the corridor could have been flooded by the touch of a lever.

Like Books on a Shelf.

Our every movement was watched by the vault guard. Long mirrors at the corners betray the whole of the corridor to his eyes. On and on, twisting and turning, then into a wider open space. A turn to the right, and there was the gold. It gleamed luminously behind iron bars, shelf upon shelf, bricks worth thousands ranged like books. "£15,000,000," my companion unconcernedly remarked. "We have twenty of these cells here, all containing the same amount. Would you like to see them?"

Would I? My heart beat high. My fingers clutched at the guarding bars. I could scarcely remove my eyes from the soft radiance. Gold, gold! Ounces of it. More pounds of it, tons of it. More gold than is gathered together in any one place in the world. I saw it all.

We removed on to another little room. Small bricks of Kafir gold, each worth £2,000, were stacked into a little heap on the floor. Above and around bars of solid gold were ranged on shelves. Gold pressed out and ready for minting. Gold in the crude nugget form. Gold!

In one room, bars of it! In another, bricks; in a third, millions of little exiled British sovereigns, stored in canvas bags. I was allowed to handle one bag. "It's very heavy," I commented. "I should think so," my guide answered, "you could enjoy £100 a week for life from the contents of it."

45-Ton Doors.

Gradually, the defences of this storeroom were explained. The main underground entrance to the vaults is guarded by two doors, each forty-five tons in weight, each held in place by two electrically-controlled two hundred pound bolts. The twin combinations of the lock are not known to any one man on earth. One man knows one; one man knows another. (Continued on Next Column.)

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THE PROBLEM OF LIBERIA.

A SITUATION THAT MAY EXPLODE.

January 8.
The Liberian Republic in West Africa was created for the purpose of finding an African home for slaves liberated from the plantations of the Southern States of America. The first colony was founded in 1822, but it was not until 1847 that the free and independent State was inaugurated. Great Britain was first amongst the nations of the world to recognize the sovereign status of the Republic.

The Constitution of Liberia is modelled on that of the United States of America, but only a small number of persons, mostly descendants of the American negroes, enjoy the franchise. The control of the country and of the 2,000,000 native inhabitants is in the hands of the descendants of the slaves and of certain semi-educated negroes who have migrated into Liberia from the adjoining British and French territory. From its inception the African natives have shown increasing antipathy to their American overlords, and few years have passed without wars. Although Liberia has contracted loans exceeding £1,000,000 sterling, nothing has been done for the country. It is still without railways, roads, and a telegraph system, whilst there is very little State education outside Monrovia, the capital of Liberia. The debt is held now almost entirely by American interests.

The main Liberian problem at the moment is quite simple—namely, is it conceivable that 2,000,000 native people will continue to submit indefinitely to oppression at the hands of a small body of timid, panicky, and largely corrupt aliens?

Whilst Washington and Geneva are discussing "things are happening" in West Africa, tragic things are taking place in the interior. Tribal anger is rising everywhere, canoes are passing swiftly along certain rivers during the night whose cargoes are not limited to palm kernels, memories are being stirred of past and present wrongs—and amongst these memories, it is said is a remarkable incident associated with the names of Lord Grey and Lord Balfour, at whose instance in 1916, 40 Kroo chiefs were saved from execution.

It may be that those who know Africa best are unduly alarmed. But strip the position of every possible exaggeration and still the situation is an ugly one.

Twenty years ago rumours first began to circulate alleging slavery and corruption in Liberia. These allegations were met with official denial, but still these rumours grew in volume. Twelve years ago the delegates to the Conference at Versailles were officially

informed by the British Delegation that the charges were believed to be true, but still nothing was done. Then the Liberian official delegates at Geneva formally declared to the League that there was no truth in the charges made by Lady Simon and others. But those who made the charges knew that every statement could be proved up to the hilt, and in the end a Joint Commission was dispatched to West Africa.

The Christy Report, published last year, started the civilised world, not only by confirming every allegation made but, as was anticipated by showing that the situation was much more serious than had been supposed. Slave-trading, slave-trading on sea and land, and forced labour for private profit were proved, whilst corruption, bribery, and fraud were established against many persons occupying high official positions. To this day no punishment has been inflicted for any of these crimes, nor have the slaves shipped overseas been released.

The League Committee dispatched another Commission to Liberia to investigate certain features. M. Brunot, the head of the Commission, is an eminent French ex-administrator, and his report came into the hands of Sir Eric Drummond some months ago. It will surprise most of us if the Brunot Report is not worse—and very much worse—than the Christy Report!

Meanwhile, whilst Washington and Geneva are thinking, Liberia is burning and becoming a kind of "Devil's Paradise." It may be that the despairing cry of these people is expressed in exaggerated language. We are assured it is not. Here, however, is one letter:—

The whole of the Kroo coast is soon to be in a conflagration, because the war is spreading. In the burning of a large town like Sassa Town, no one knows how many natives have been killed, but thousands are now homeless and wandering in the bush to die of cold and hunger. On the part of the Government, notwithstanding these natives have no arms, thirty soldiers were reported wounded, one killed, and one lieutenant wounded.

The fishermen of Nifu went out peacefully to catch their fish in the Atlantic, and another private letter tells of what they saw:—

These canoes went to fish on the high seas, and as they were nearing land they saw their town in flames, and could not land and had to proceed directly to Monrovia, a distance of over 200 miles. There was great lamentation amongst the Kroo people at Monrovia for the calamity of their brethren.

There has come to hand a letter written by a member of the Frontier Force, the native army which carries out the orders of the American-Liberians. Dr. Christy has told the world something of the infamous practices of this "Force"—here we have it in the

"LIG." HAS A STORMY HOMECOMING.

"I HAVE NEVER DEVIATED."

Plymouth, Jan. 9.
Mr. Lloyd George arrived at Plymouth this morning on board the P. and O. liner Rajputana from Ceylon, and afterward left for Chert.

He looked extremely well, despite last night's great gale. It was, he said, the worst night on board ship which he had had in his life.

A Royal Marine overlept when the Rajputana arrived in Plymouth sound, and the tender had to be delayed while he was aroused and dressed himself. That meant that Mr. Lloyd George was late in landing, and so lost the train which he intended catching to Salisbury.

A party of local Liberals met Mr. Lloyd George, and replying to their welcome, he said:

"I have taken courses which have been extraordinarily unpopular, but I have never deviated. For that reason at the present moment I am taking no particular interest in politics, but I hope in due course to take my place again in the fighting ranks."

Mr. Lloyd George, in an interview, said that he had not made up his mind where to sit in the House of Commons. "I am still in complete disagreement," he said. "I do not as yet have an inch from the view which I took before the Election." My views are unaltered.

words of one of its members, written to his mother:—

On the 2nd instant the Teampo people, although we went to their section in a peaceful and quiet manner to investigate their palavers, attacked our patrol, and eleven bloody battles were fought, two of which I was actually engaged in—the attack made on the town in which we were settled, and the one made on the road when we were leaving, resulted in the killing of about 100 or more men, women, and children on their side and two men killed and two wounded on our side; it was awful to behold men's hands and heads separated from body, as though they were animals.

Many of the attacks being made, the fines inflicted, and imprisonments are said to be reprisals for giving evidence to the League Commissions. The plain truth is that Liberia is drifting into anarchy. It would seem from these letters that there is serious unrest amongst the Kroos, and that they are beginning to rise. Reports are now being made about another tribe of sterner stuff than even the Kroos. But to prevent any misconception it should be said that there is no evidence yet of unrest amongst the Mendis.

The natives are beginning to believe that the hour of their deliverance is drawing near, and that it is best to win that deliverance themselves. But what if circumstances provide a reasonable excuse for a third party to take a hand? That development might lead anywhere.

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A rumour that Russian White Guards are preparing to make an attempt on the life of M. Litvinoff who is at present attending the Disarmament Conference, is current here as a result of a telegram from Moscow to Sir Eric Drummond, Secretary-General of the League, declaring that the Soviet has received authentic information that Russian emigrants in Paris have organised a group of murderers with instructions to kill the Soviet delegate within four days.

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CHINESE BEAT OFF MORE
ATTACKS.

CHAPAI FIGHT.

Shanghai, Feb. 8, 6.36 p.m.
Japanese destroyers and a trans-
port with troops are believed to
have proceeded to Taungming
Island yesterday evening, landing
troops inland a short distance
from Liuh Lachen, where they
are proceeding along the Shanghai-
Taichang motor road as far as
Nanshang, behind Chenju, for the
purpose of attacking the Chenju
forces.

Meanwhile it is believed that
naval guns stationed at Taung-
ming Island will fire on the
Shanghai-Nanking Railway, the
objective being the breaking of
the railway between Quinann and
An Ting.

The Chenju radio station is still
operating.

Chapai Artillery Battle.

The Chinese lines at Chapai
fired Stokes mortars this morning.
With a view to locating one parti-
cular gun, a Japanese seaplane at
10 a.m. reconnoitred; however, it
failed, as following its departure
the gun was again active.

Machine-guns were also firing
west of the Odeon Theatre.

At 1 p.m. a heavy gun at Chapai
was active, and at 2 p.m. the
Japanese artillery at the rifle
range in Hongkew Park opened an
intensive bombardment at Chapai.
The Chinese replied, shells falling
in Kashing Road particularly.

Intermittent firing continues.
Our Own Correspondent.

New Attack Launched.

Shanghai, Feb. 8, 10.48 p.m.
After a quiet day, a thundering
bombardment opened shortly after
dusk this evening, the Shanghai
Volunteer outposts reporting that
it is the heaviest firing heard since
hostilities commenced, ten days
ago.

The incessant roar of artillery
and rattle of machine-guns lasted
for three hours, after which the
engagement moved in a north-
easterly direction from Chapai
railway station, indicating that
the Chinese were driving the
Japanese back. *Reuter.*

British Maintain Neutrality.

Shanghai, Feb. 8, 11.19 p.m.
The Chapai front is being sub-
jected to bombardment, and occa-
sional shells, Chinese and Japanese,
are falling within the British
posts.

Strongly constructed sandbag
barricades are held by British
Volunteers, with firing stops
mounted on both sides, one facing
Chapai and the other facing the
Japanese troops occupying the
barricade in the Settlement in
Range Road, in view of repeated
Japanese attempts at attacks on
the Chinese positions through this
strategic point in the British ac-
tor.

The British sandbag shelters
are adorned with inimitable
notices reminiscent of the Great
War, such as "Don't make a noise.
We may be asleep." Others can-
not be reported. *Reuter.*

Hand Grenades Used.

Shanghai, Feb. 8, 6.36 p.m.
At noon Japanese troops were
meeting with strong opposition
from the other side of Woosung
creek. The Chinese used hand
grenades and machine-guns.

The Japanese are busy con-
structing bridges in order to com-
mence large-scale operations.
Japanese headquarters have
been established at the Woosung
railway workshops.

Panic reigns in Woosung village,
which is allame. *Our Own Corres-
pondent.*

Forts Still Hold Out.

Shanghai, Feb. 8, 11.30 p.m.
Woosung city and fort are still
stubbornly held by the Chinese
troops, after to-day's severe fight-
ing with the Japanese troops, sup-
ported by armoured cars and de-
stroyers moored very close to the



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river bank, relentlessly and tire-
lessly pouring in shells. *Reuter.*
Japan Explains.

Tokyo, Feb. 8.

Referring to American criticism
of the Japanese action in bombur-
ling the Woosung forts, the Foreign
Office spokesman explains that the
action of the forts in firing on
Japanese ships last week showed
it would be dangerous to trans-
port troops past Woosung so long
as the forts remained intact.

Moreover, Woosung was the
most suitable place to land a
large body of troops if further
disturbance in the International
Settlement of Shanghai was to be
avoided. *Reuter Morning Post
Special.*

Ten Party to Pressmen.

Shanghai, Feb. 8, 6.36 p.m.
Representatives of the Nine-
teenth Route Army this afternoon
entertained newspapermen to tea
at the Burlington Hotel, to discuss
the situation. *Our Own Corres-
pondent.*

Ronald Colman Arrested.

Shanghai, Feb. 8.
The famous movie star, Ronald
Colman, who is in Shanghai on a
round-the-world tour fell foul of
the Settlement police last night
when he was found on the streets
with friends after curfew hour.

He was taken to Police head-
quarters and cautioned as to the
proper observance of the law.
This morning Mr. Colman visit-
ed the sandbag emplacements along
the Soohow Creek occupied by the
4th Marines. *Reuter.*

Visiting U.S. Troops.

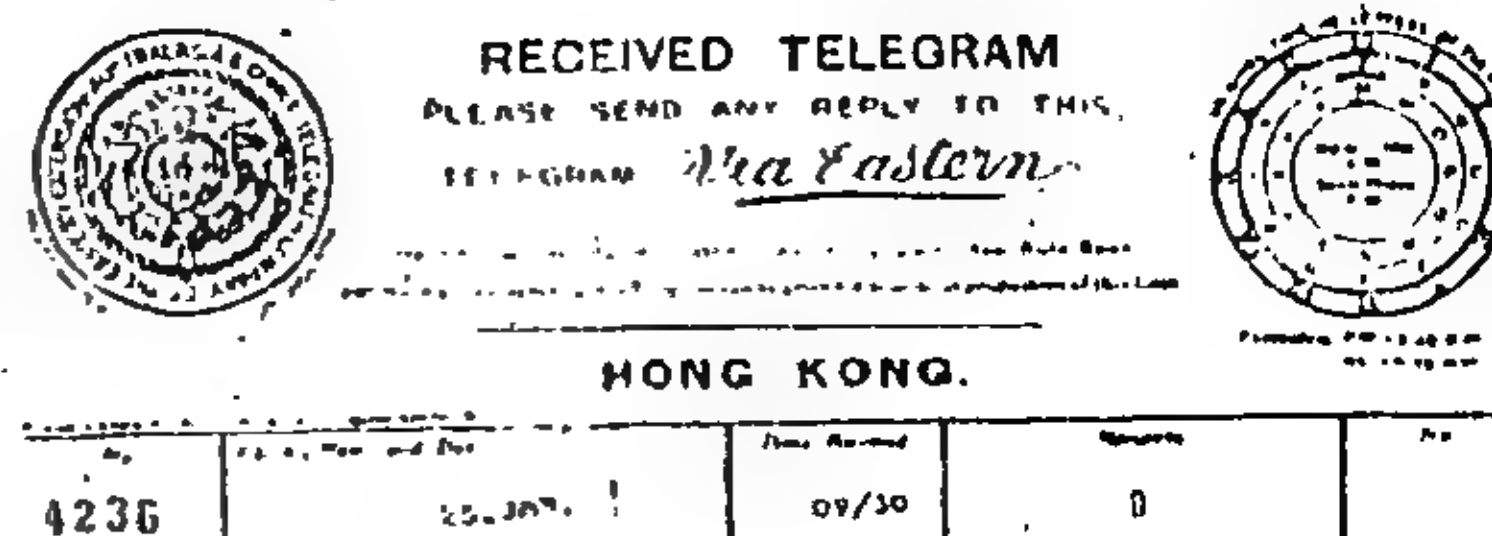
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as to a proper observance of the
law here.

To-day he is visiting the Ameri-
can troops in the various front
line areas. *Our Own Corres-
pondent.*

Adm. Nomura Speaks.

Shanghai, Feb. 8, 11.30 p.m.
Vice-Admiral Nomura, inter-
viewed this evening aboard his
(Continued on Page 11.)

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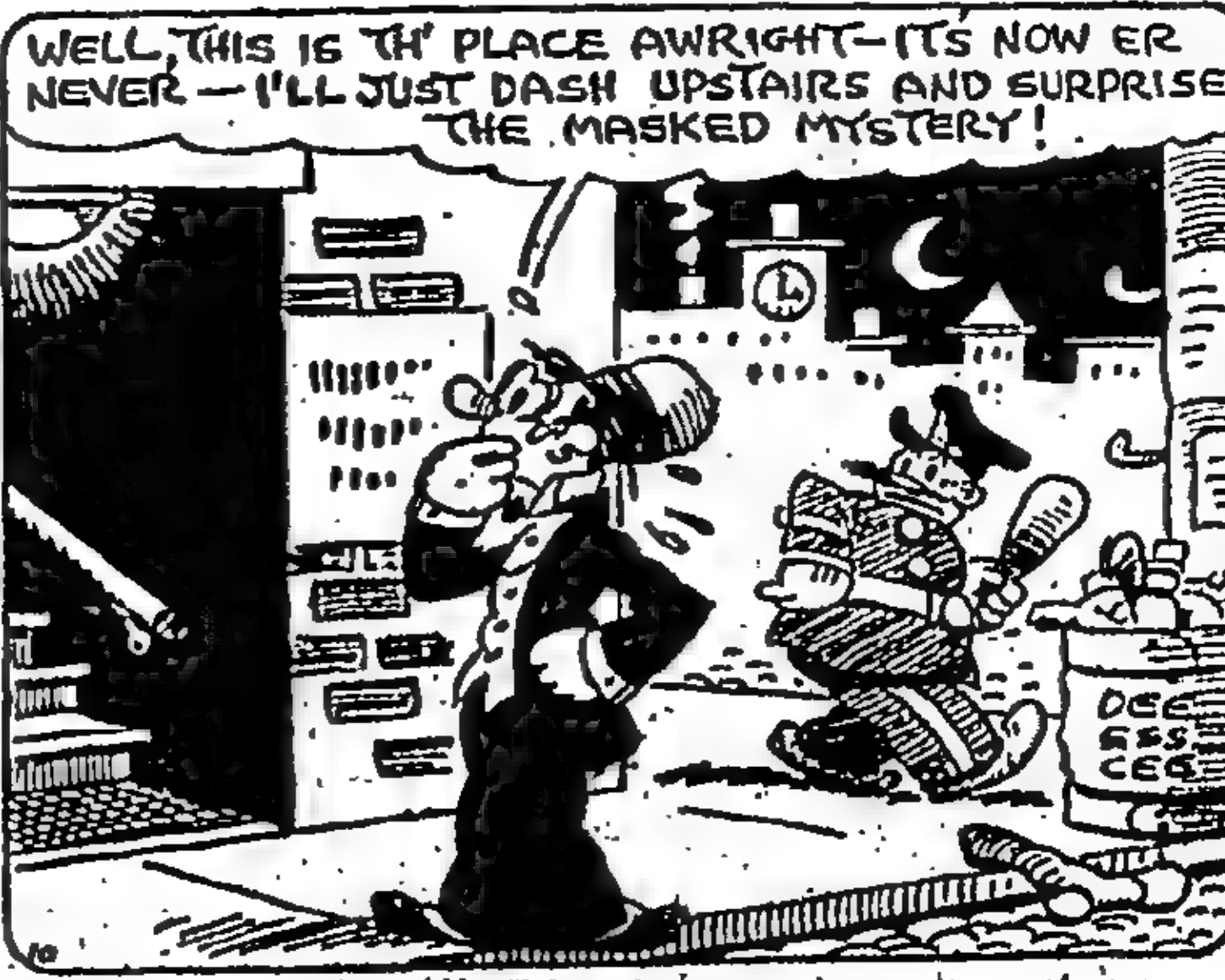
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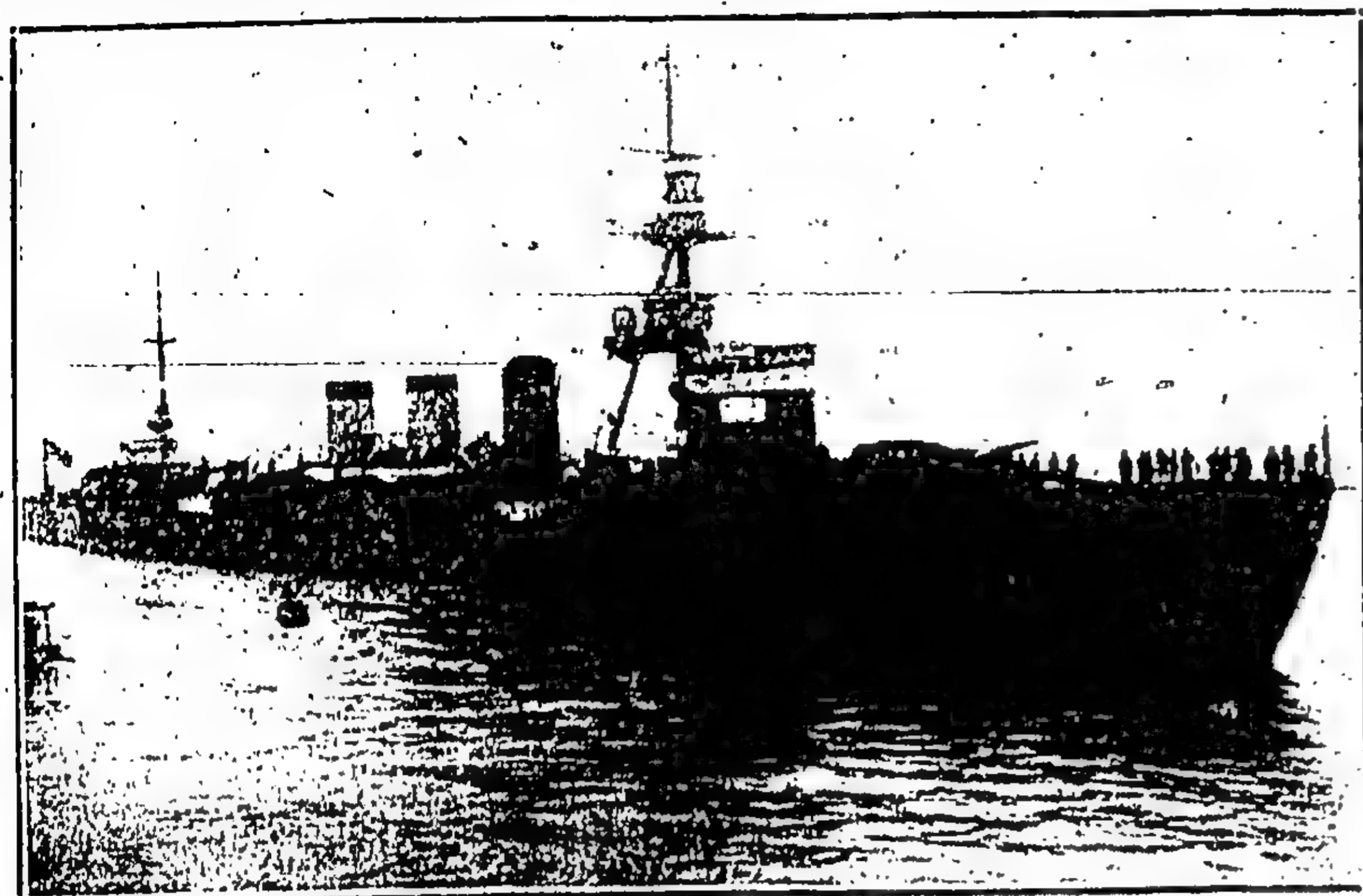
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As flood waters of the Tallahatchie river in Mississippi continued to rise, Webb, was one of the many towns isolated by high waters. The picture above shows the water-covered main street of the town. Webb, Glenora, Sumner and other common lines reported water from four to 10 feet deep, with many residents perched on house-tops.

THREE KINDS OF LOVE

by KAY CLEAVER STRAHAN

Grand answered before Gladys had a chance to do so. "Give yourself no uneasiness, my good woman—my very good woman," he added with a fluttering smile. "Every thing shall be arranged for the best comfort and good of all. This shall be done. It may not be done to-day. It may not be done to-morrow. But soon, very soon, it shall be accomplished. Convey that message, if you will be so kind, 'All things shall soon be arranged for the best good and the best comfort of all' to our dear son."

"Yes, sir," said Gladys, frightenedly flustered because she knew that never in this world could she remember all of that like that. Cecily, a fairly pretty little girl even at eight years old, and soon to be prettier, pulled at the tassels on the baby's shoe and said, "Father won't understand. He hasn't understood anything for three days. It is the fever's fault. They are afraid Mother may have contracted it." She ducked her chin lower and blinked her long lashes up and down over her grey eyes.

Grand opened the doors again and with bow and gesture bade Gladys Clapp a benevolent good-afternoon. "Mind the third step," he called. The third step was broken right down in the centre.

A woman named Josephine Loehden was working for Grand and Rosalie at that time. When she had come a year ago to apply for the position of general houseworker in the Fenwick Mansion, she had said, "My name is Josephine Loehden. When I work I work. When I sleep I sleep. I do more work with one hand than most women do with two hands. But I want my pay."

When she quitted the Fenwick Mansion, five months after the day Gladys had brought the children to live with their grandparents, she made much the same speech. "When I work I work," she said. "When I sleep I sleep. I am not a dog. For five months I have worked like a dog. Now I will go and sleep for five months and I will not be rested. And I want my pay."

Rosalie had explained again, sweetly and patiently, that Josephine should have her pay to-morrow, perhaps; certainly next week, and she had added, with a touch of sorrow and regret, that considering the deep regard she had felt through the years for Josephine, and the things she had done for Josephine, it seemed past understanding that Josephine should now leave her in

the lurch. Josephine Loehden had replied, "Always you have been behind with my pay. You were behind with my good friend Mrs. Joe Ott's pay when I came here. You are now three months and one week behind. Before I could stay longer in this house I would go up on the hill and sit under the tall trees." She had left by the back door, minding the back steps, because the back steps were in need of repair.

A procession of houseworkers followed, after that; women who came through the front door and left through the back door rapidly and to march time. One with a deformed shoulder, whose name was Christina Eugenia Passafiume, stayed for more than a year before she went away through the front door and on a stretcher to the ambulance that took her to the charity hospital. Three months later, Christina Eugenia Passafiume's lawyer (if you please) threatened suit against Jonathan Fenwick for \$180, six months' unpaid salary due to his client. Grand sold one of the few remaining lots, on which he had kept the taxes paid, and the affair was settled, promptly and quietly and out of court.

Ann knew nothing of this, but the talk with Rosalie, precipitated at least by Miss Pines' insolence, marked a turning point in Ann's life. She was 15 years old, by this time, and in her freshman year at Reed College, where John Fenwick had taught and was well remembered.

"Darling," Rosalie began, "I've been thinking to-day—such jolly, merry little thoughts. They have flown about me all day long like sweet wee song birds. Biddle birds" (in a lower register). "Do you know what they have been singing to me? Independence, over and over. Independence, and chumminess" (Ann shuddered slightly but Rosalie did not notice). "And sharing one another's burdens, and—um—all that sort of thing, you know."

Ann said, "Oh?" Rosalie sat and smiled with her tiny Cupid's-bow mouth, embedded away up above the first of her three chins, and nodded her head with its crown of yellow hair (Grand always called it a crown, and she had ever so much of it, and it was "touched up" more), and said nothing. So Ann was forced to say, "What do you mean?"

When, in the year nineteen hundred and sixteen, Professor Fen-

wick and his wife Ann died of influenza during the same week in late March, their acquaintances thanked a merciful Providence that the three little girls had those perfectly charming grandparents who were willing and glad to take them right in and give them a good home. The nurse in the house at the time, one sturdy Gladys Clapp, was the only person who felt the least apprehension as to the tranquil future of the Fenwick daughters: Ann, 14 years old; Cecily, eight years old; and baby Mary-Frances, one year old on the third of last February.

Poor old Gladys was merely a practical nurse—a mysterious trouble with her left knee had prevented her from completing her hospital training—and she was still encumbered with a capacity for interest, unprofessional but sympathetic and almost affectionate, for a few of her patients. It was a nuisance, because even after the double funeral she could not put the Fenwick family entirely out of her memory. For several months she spoke of them, from time to time, and praised pretty, frail Mrs. Fenwick. Said she was just as common as an old shoe, though she was a professor's wife; said she knew beams when the bug was open; challenged her listeners to show her another mother with common sense enough to send her children away and refuse to kiss them goodbye for fear of contagion, though they bawled to be kissed; mentioned nothing about the morning of that same day when Mrs. Fenwick had hung her head and bitten her fist and cried, right in front of the doctor, and argued, "I agree with you, Dr. Elm—but I haven't any place to send the girls. There is no place for them to go."

In the end Gladys herself had taken the three children across the city from the trim brown bungalow tightly fenced in its neat yard near the campus of the small Oregon college, to the suburb where the Fenwick Mansion—incongruously in its block of unpruned trees and shrubs and weedy lawn.

The children's grandmother had thrown the two front doors wide open as Gladys came, carrying the baby up the steps, with Ann and Cecily lagging behind.

"Welcome," she had called, in her creamy sweet voice. "Welcome, welcome home, my darlings!" And in spite of her flesh, and she was extraordinarily fat, and disregarding the fancy, lacy, perfumed, rose-coloured silk thing she was wearing, she had gone right down on her knees to embrace Ann and Cecily, and they had to stoop far over to her while she cooed and shed tears into their white necks—tears that trickled wetly on to their



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little stomachs and made them squirm unbecomingly.

Gladys stood and sniffed the heavy heliotrope perfume, and held the baby, and admired the stained-glass squares in the door, until the baby, one of those stern, big-eyed babies who never cry, began to scream with sudden high fury, as if Gladys had pinched her, or pricked her, or had done some embarrassing thing of that sort.

Ann, who Gladys said was so pretty that she fairly took your breath away, though actually she was not pretty at all, but purely and logically beautiful from the point of brown hair on her wide forehead to the curve of her perfect chin, went to the blushing Gladys and tugged at her arm and said, "I'll take the baby."

Grand—the grandfather, you know—entered. He had a round white beard, and flowing white hair and, just now, tears stood in his kindly blue eyes, and he knew it. It was he who took the baby, murmuring something that sounded to Gladys scripturally unaccustomed ears like, "the yeast of leaven." He was a tall man, and he made a grand picture standing there with that blessed baby—shocked to momentary silence—in his arms. Reluctantly Gladys turned from it to close the two front doors, which had been forgotten, and which were allowing gusts of the rainy March wind to sweep into the hall. She spoke to Rosalie—the grandmother, you know—who was still billowing pink silk and lace about on the floor.

"Did the valises and things get here all right?"

There had been nothing amusing, in so far as Gladys could see, connected with her question, but Rosalie gurgled some laughter before she said, "They are all unpacked, and the darling, dainty little things are in place in the three little toy rooms." (The rooms were enormous; but since they needed for the time to be small and cozy, in Rosalie's mind they were small and cozy.)

"Three?" questioned Gladys. "The baby isn't going to be put off in a room by herself, is she?"

Rosalie's manner grew grave and charitably judicial. "You think it unwise?"

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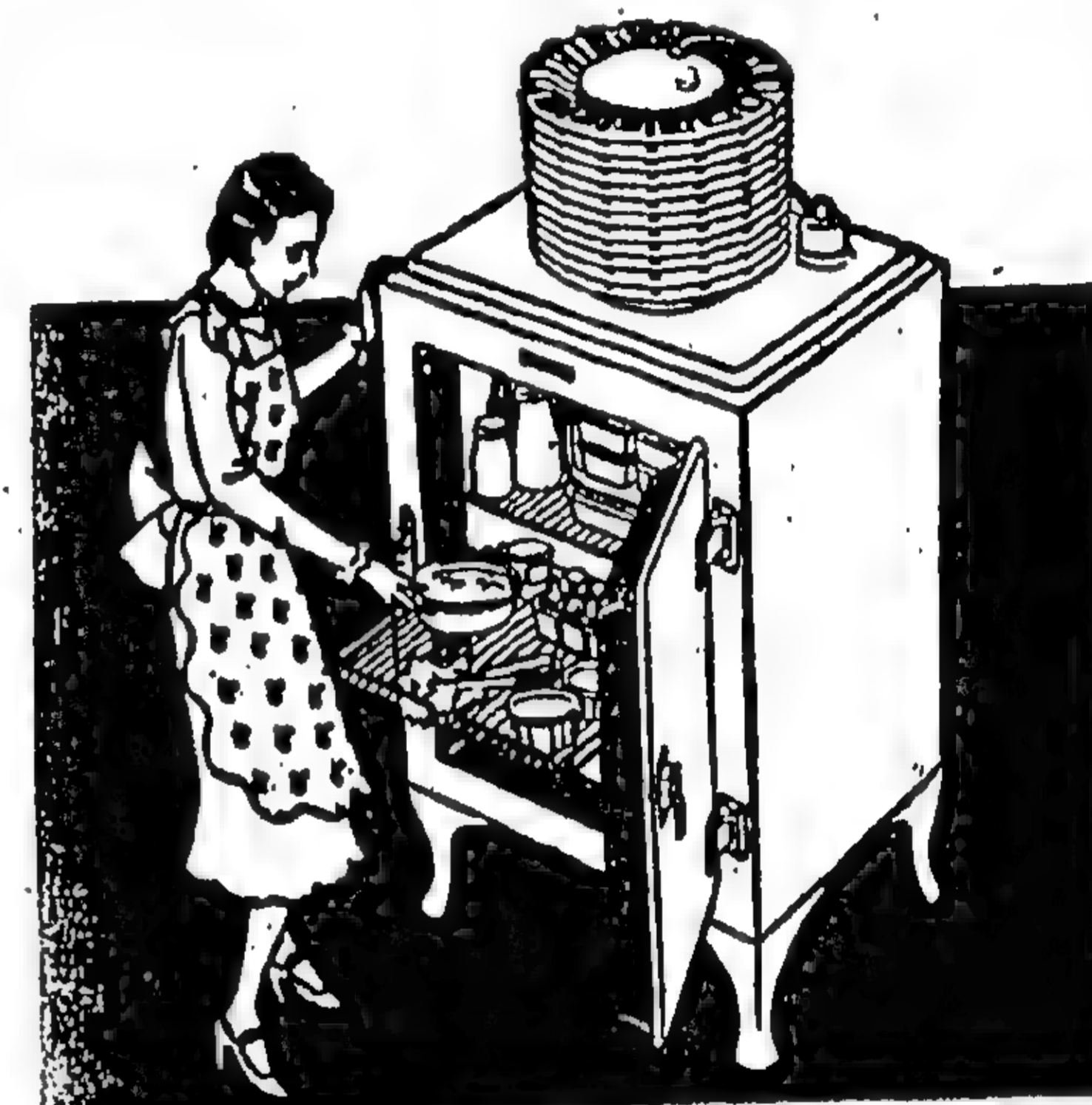


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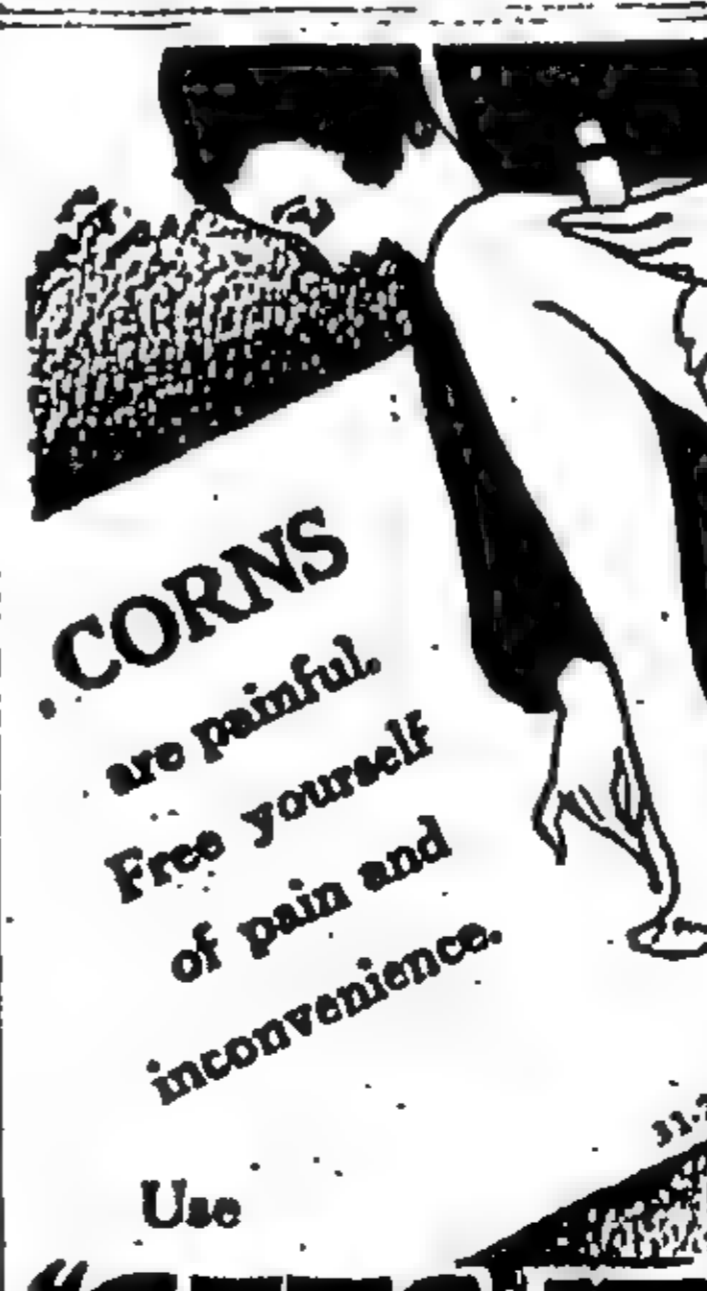
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TOKYO FEELERS.

PLAN FOR PERMANENT
SOLUTION.Tokyo, Feb. 8.
What are frankly admitted to be feelers aiming at a permanent solution of the Shanghai problem in particular, and the China problem in general, were put out at the Foreign Office this morning.

Briefly the proposal is that there shall be established demilitarised zones, fifteen to twenty miles in width, around the principal trading ports, notably Shanghai, Hankow, Tientsin, Canton and Tsingtau, while Manchuria is also to be demilitarised, though a portion of the better disciplined Chinese troops will be utilised as police.

A Policy of "Interference."

The Foreign Office spokesman, outlining the proposal, admitted that it runs counter to the ideas formulated at the Washington Conference which aimed at providing a stable government in China by a policy of non-interference from the outside.

Ten years trial had, however, proved the ineffectiveness of this policy, and it appears has shown that the only way to attain the desired result is to substitute a policy of interference which will ultimately benefit China, especially the merchant class even more than it will benefit the Powers, though both would profit.

The proposal, which is likely to be broached formally at the International Conference to settle the present Shanghai dispute, would therefore, it is claimed, have the same object as the Nine Power Pact but would approach it from a different angle and supersede the pact.

Blow at War Lords.

Further explaining the proposal, the spokesman emphasised the fact that the creation of demilitarised zones around the principal cities would strike a blow at the War Lords who, he said, were the main cause of the instability of China as they would be unable to exist if their activities were confined to the country districts instead of their being able to batten on the cities as they do at the present time. The chief beneficiaries therefore would be the Chinese merchants who would be able to carry on their business undisturbed.

While recognising that it would be necessary first to crystallise public opinion abroad for what was characterised as a "moral programme" rather than a political one, the spokesman thought China might be induced to agree if the Powers offered to give up extrajurisdiction in all parts of China

except in the five demilitarised cities.

Powers to Be Sounded.

The Powers have not yet been officially sounded, stated the spokesman but Japanese diplomatic representatives abroad had been instructed to seek a suitable occasion to broach the idea either officially or unofficially.

Referring to the proposal to demilitarise the city zones, the Foreign Office spokesman emphasised that there was no intention of retaining Japanese troops in the Shanghai area until an agreement thereon had been reached. He asserted that the troops would be withdrawn as soon as the immediate object—that of safeguarding Japanese interests—had been attained, in order to avoid any extension of the fighting. He also declared that Japan had no intention of seeking the establishment of a Japanese concession in Shanghai. —Reuter.

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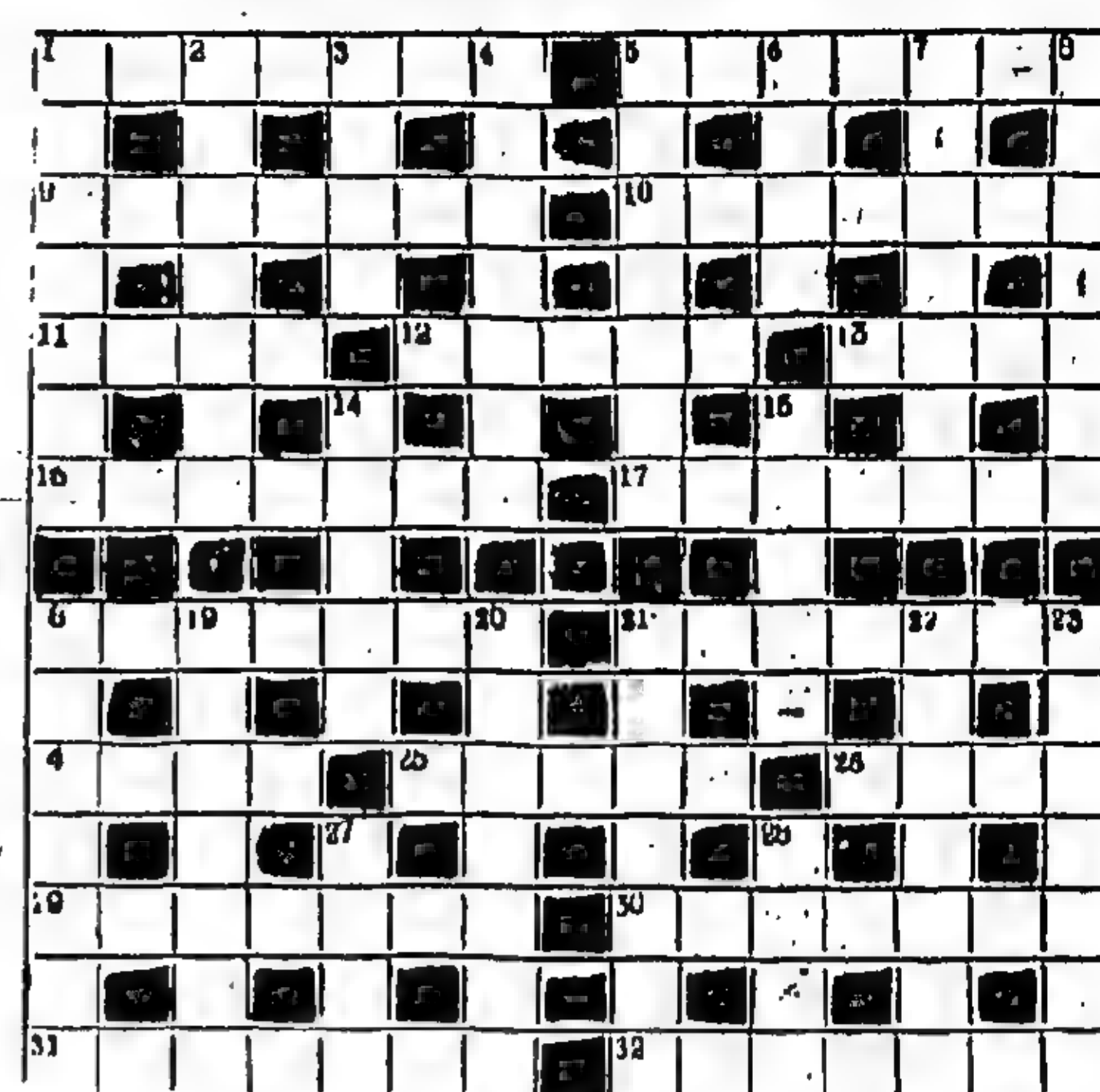
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- 10 This will revive you if you feel faint—after deciphering the preceding clue.
- 11 It's a mere trifle, but you may send me back after it.
- 12 Here poor Ethel is in oblivion.
- 13 To deviate from an upright position in a way abhorrent to Mrs. John Spratt.
- 16 Another form of U.
- 17 Indicated, though not indeed shown.
- 18 Prominent politicians fill the picture.
- 21 Inspires.
- 24 Charity, though on the strict side, sometimes makes considerable noise.
- 25 This hobgoblin's head is of but little use to him.
- 26 You'll find this in the year.
- 29 It's past your dinner-time, as the sheep said in the ewe.
- 30 Strain.
- 31 Plants.
- 32 To be so angry about the poet's island is to give quite a wrong impression.

Down

- 1 May need to be increased when one suffers from swollen head, and so upset.
- 2 Rogard.
- 3 Not the kind of tree to shelter under on a hot day.
- 4 Man's seems to be earth, water and air.
- 5 Ran round the tree and was gone instantly.

Friday's Solution.

- 1 An indication of disorder in the House.
- 7 Merciful.
- 8 Longed for, and, for the most part, well deserved.
- 14 One of the United States—no Yankee can forget it.
- 16 Furnish with a gift—if not from the gods, from one of them, at any rate.
- 18 Restrictive.
- 19 Mitate in bed and be bewildered as a result.
- 20 A girl assists in the making of these common coins.
- 21 Potable.
- 22 "My leisure serves me,—daughter, now" ("Romeo and Juliet").
- 23 The woman who is this is quite peeved—though the poet puts it rather more emphatically.
- 27 Give this English river an extra head: then plunge in.
- 28 Taken up with the odds, perhaps.

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URUGUAYAN 'REDS.'

GREAT ALARM CAUSED
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The Nationalist leader, Saravia, has been arrested on suspicion of being in league with the Communists. The Reds are being arrested and expelled from the country.

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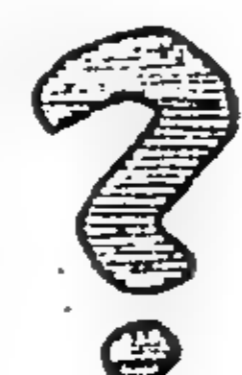
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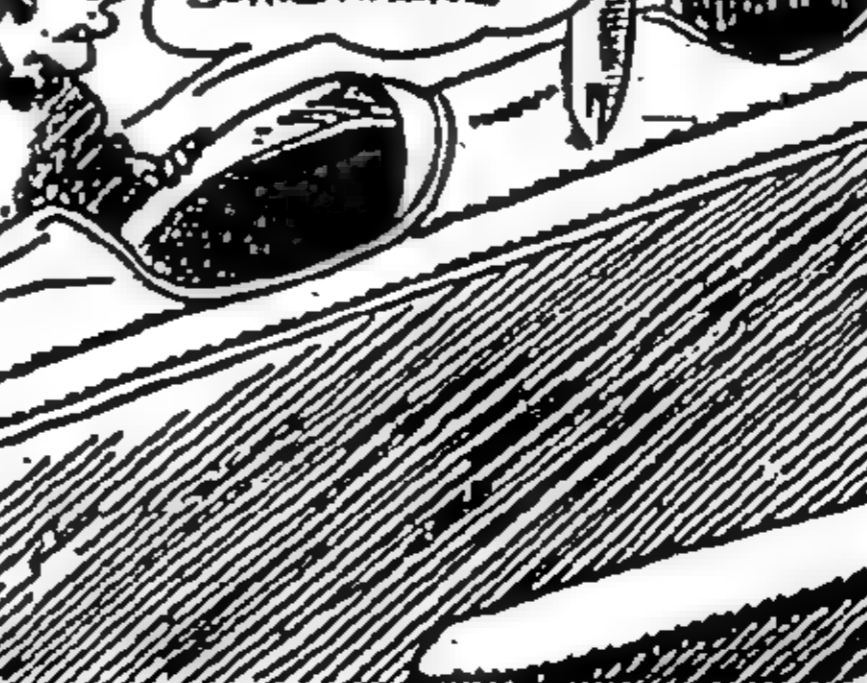
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ON THE
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FOUND
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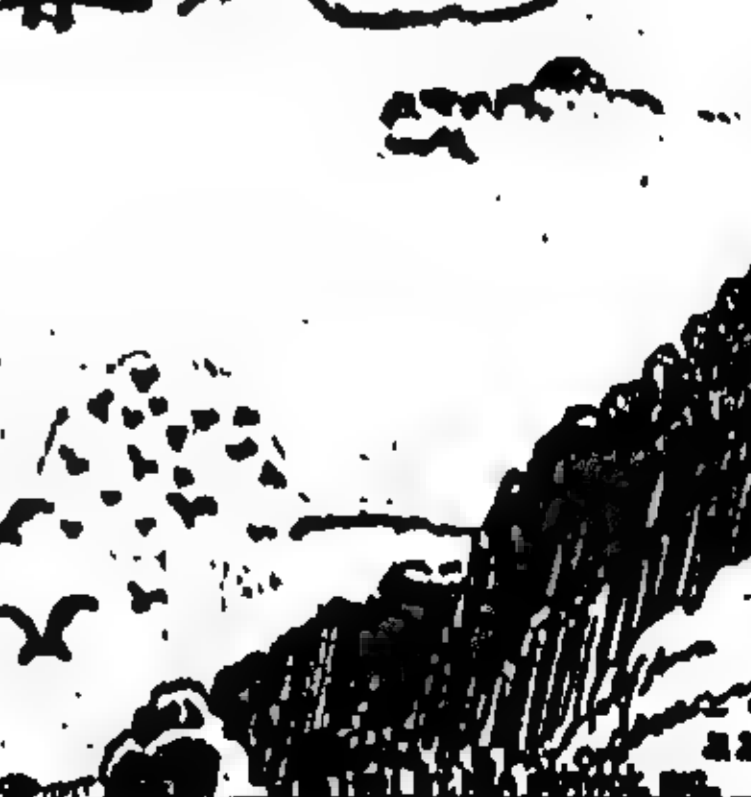
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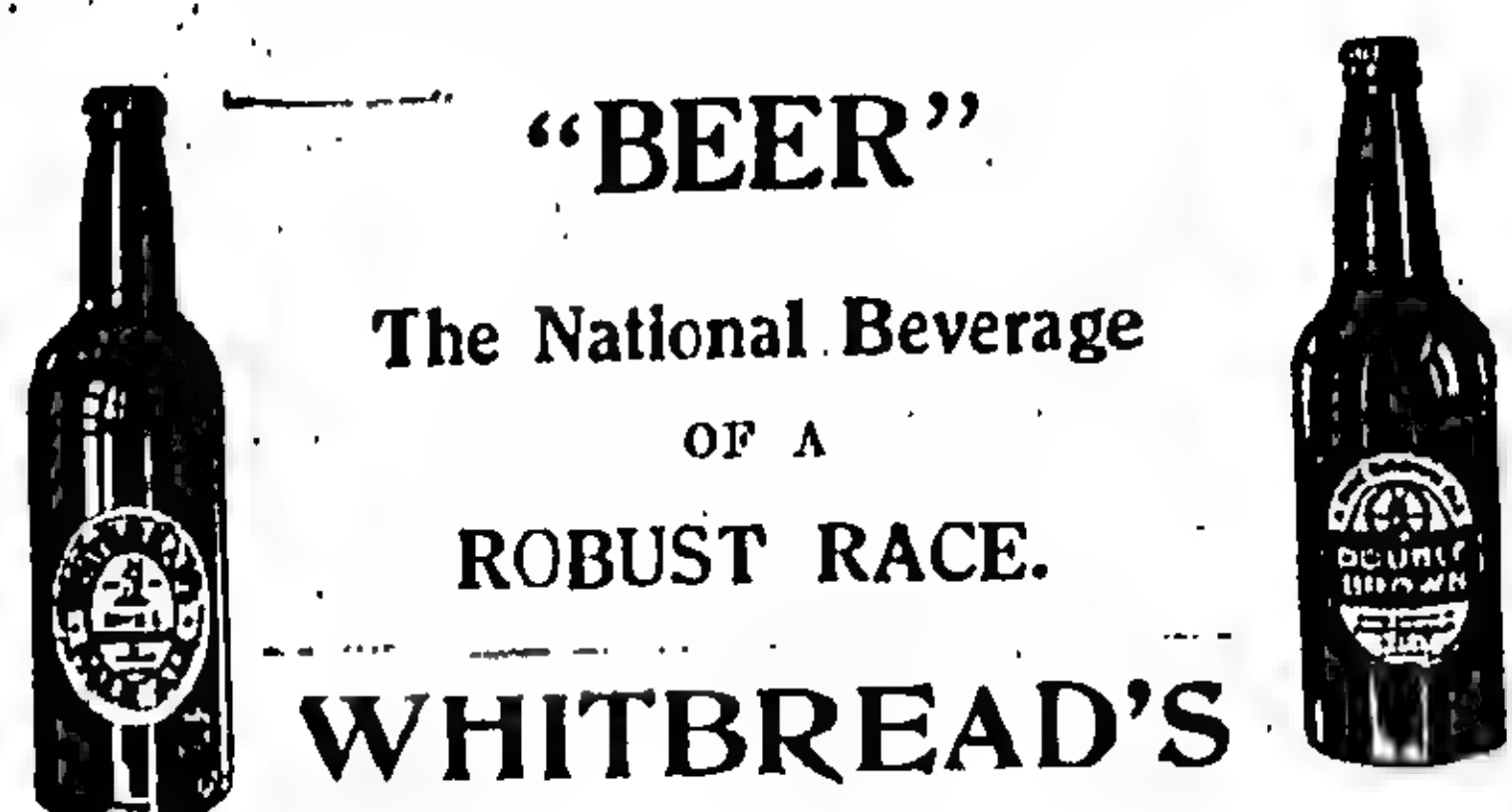


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DEATH.

KEW.—Harold George, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. W. Kew. Funeral will pass the Monument at 5 p.m. to-day.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1932.

JAPAN AND THE CRISIS.

The situation as between China and Japan has not undergone any marked change during the past two or three days, unless it be that the conflicts in which the rival forces are engaged are daily taking on more and more of the characteristics of a real war. Continued bombardments and actual hand-to-hand fighting reveal the fact that nothing effective has been done to prevent the situation developing along even more serious lines. In the circumstances, the position is one of continued gravity, and there are no indications that the Japanese intend letting up in their attacks on the Chinese defenders, who are offering a far more stubborn resistance than was expected.

With the arrival of the first mail from Shanghai since serious trouble broke out, we learn that foreign opinion there was first inclined to be somewhat lenient towards the Japanese, on the ground that they had suffered a good deal of provocation, but that this attitude has now undergone a marked change, with the result that the Japanese are being severely condemned for pitching into the Chinese without giving them a chance of making good their promises in respect of the four demands. Here we touch on the vital point of the Japanese policy in Shanghai. The Japanese justification for taking drastic action rests on an allegation that whilst their marines were proceeding to take up their assigned positions for the defence of the Settlement, Chinese troops opened fire on them and precipitated a conflict of which the present situation is the outcome. This allegation is repeated in the latest statement issued by the Tokyo Government, but neither in the very detailed reports which we have received from our own correspondent and from Reuters, nor in the versions contained in Shanghai newspapers to hand, is there any mention of such an incident. It was at 2 p.m. on January 28th that the Japanese Consul received the reply from the Mayor of Shanghai agreeing to all the four demands—put forward. This reply was accepted as being satisfactory. At 4 p.m. the State of Emergency was declared. The next development was at 8.30 p.m. when Admiral Shirozawa announced his decision to occupy Chapel. The reason given in the Admiral's proclamation was clear and specific. It was that "the Imperial Japanese Navy, feeling extreme anxiety about the situation in Chapel, where Japanese nationals reside in great numbers, have decided to

send out troops to this section for the enforcement of law and order." No mention whatever is made of Japanese marines having been fired on whilst proceeding to their assigned positions in the Settlement defence scheme. At midnight, the occupation began, "according to plan," followed by an intense aerial bombardment. In other words, Japan had evidently decided to occupy Chapel, no matter whether the reply to the four demands were satisfactory or otherwise. Certainly no opportunity whatever was given the Chinese to discharge their promises.

There is another aspect of the Tokyo Government's latest statement which calls for comment. It is the statement that additional reinforcements were sent by Japan to relieve the inhabitants of all nationalities from the strain of fear and disquiet, and for the protection of the common interests of the Powers, with whom Japan says she is co-operating in contributing peace and well-being in the Far East. The claim would be more seriously taken were it not for the fact that the Powers have in no uncertain manner expressed their disapproval of Japanese action in Shanghai. It surely cannot be seriously contended that Japan's policy reflects co-operation with the Powers when these selfsame Powers have felt impelled to utter strong protests against the measures she has seen fit to employ. That is asking too much for the outside world to believe.

The Battle of the Sexes.

A recent magazine contains another of those dissertations (by a male writer) to the effect that men can do such-and-such much better than women. This time it is housekeeping. The world is told that women are unalterably conservative, that they will not accept mechanical improvements or follow directions. Men would do up the day's housework in two hours, is the claim. Whether this includes answering the telephone and doorbell, doing the mending and looking after the children is not stated. It is easy to make such generalizations, which at best are theoretical, there being too few available examples on which to base them. A worker fresh from another field of endeavour can frequently see where certain methods can be improved. Anyone who for years has carried on the same work—as have many of those women who are dubbed unalterably "conservative" because not willing to adopt new devices without some thought—needs to be consistently alert to keep from slipping into ruts. Few would deny that there are some men who would make more efficient housekeepers than some women; or that there are some women who have shown themselves better at business than some men. Some men drive motorcars better than some women; and vice versa. All men are not "natural" drivers or business experts. Nor are all women "natural" housekeepers. There is a phase of mentality, however, which likes to make sweeping generalizations based entirely upon sex. Choosing cases of inefficiency in some field, it finds profound satisfaction in blacklisting one entire sex, to the unqualified glory of the other. Something peculiarly immature and superficial lurks in such generalizations. There are too many different kinds of men and of women, too many proved exceptions in every kind of achievement or failure, to allow for broad conclusions defined merely by a line between the sexes. This back-fence boasting, this boy-and-girl sticking out of tongues, would be too trivial to merit notice were it not for certain consequences. Apart from its provocation, it rouses an unkind sort of mass backbiting, a counter-boasting, invidious comparisons and invidious antagonisms between men and women who in this age of wider horizons are learning the need of expressing co-operation and not rivalry. Perhaps the day when an excellent male housekeeper may without neighbourhood comment, change places with an efficient business wife is yet far off. But there are few homes which could not benefit from masculine attention to genuine home-making,

DAY BY DAY

YOU NEVER CAN CITE THE EXAMPLE OF A THOROUGHLY HAPPY MAN, FOR NO ONE BUT THE MAN HIMSELF KNOWS ANYTHING ABOUT IT.—*Romanticist.*

After the holidays, the Hongkong dollar is unchanged, the demand rate being 1s. 5.1/2d.

The Empress of Britain, now on a world cruise, is due to leave Manila at 6 p.m. to-day and will arrive here at 7 a.m. on Thursday.

A cabaret dinner dance is to be given by the Society of Yorkkhemen in Hongkong at the roof garden of the Hongkong Hotel on Friday, the 19th inst. at 7.45 p.m.

Amongst the passengers who arrived here by the Empress of Russia were Sir Victor Sassoon, Sir William Hornell, Mr. E. B. C. Hornell, Mrs. G. E. Costello, Mr. G. Benbowe Rowe and Mr. L. Kandoorle.

We are informed by Messrs. Dodwell and Co., Ltd., that the s.s. Ganget left Shanghai on Monday morning and is due here to-morrow (Wednesday) morning. She will go alongside Kowloon Wharf and sail to-morrow at 6 p.m. for Europe.

The Earl and Countess of Stafford are aboard the new Canadian Pacific liner Empress of Britain, which is due in Hongkong on a world tour on Thursday. Whilst in Singapore, they spent the day at Government House, as the guests of Sir Cecil and Lady Clement.

On charges of offering a bribe of \$50 to Inspector G. A. Stinson, two members of the crew of a fishing boat were committed for trial by Mr. Seale at the Central Police Court this morning. The first defendant, who is the master of the craft, was fined \$200 for possession of dynamite, detonators and fuse on board the boat. Mr. Him-shing Lo represented both accused.

SUGAR MARKET.

THE LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS.

The following cable at the close of the sugar market yesterday has been received by Messrs. Pen-treath and Co.

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especially in guiding children; and where the back-fence boasting is thoroughly and honestly eliminated from the scene, many a feminine housekeeper doubtless welcomes her husband's suggestions concerning short-cut methods. Furthermore, there is certainly many a man who owes much of his success to the discernment and business efficiency of some woman. All of which is only another way of saying that abilities are not merely a question of sex.

A PLAGUE OF SUPERMEN.

By "OLD STAGER."

IT has been left to a woman scientist to announce, *ex cathedra*, a great psychological truth that many ignorant laymen have long suspected. We are all of us conscious of a fact that history corroborates. We recognise that most of the troubles that afflict an otherwise not uncomfortable humanity can be traced to a relatively few masterful spirits, who constitute themselves the disturbers of the peace.

It is the same in all perspectives of life. Nations and families would contrive to jostle along together happily enough, if it were not for the persistent interference of individual busybodies and mischief-makers.

It has now been discovered that these upsetting entities, the national autocrats and domestic tyrants alike, are all suffering from overeating. In the earliest months of infancy it is the baby who makes most noise that gets most sustenance. Even infantile mentality soon grows to appreciate this fact, now attested by earnest science, and it proceeds shamelessly to trade upon it. Thus we have the repulsive spectacle of blackmail in the cradle, and its astute practitioners, during their physically most impressionable period, imbibe more than their normal share of sustenance. Inevitably they grow up into heavily over-vitaminized adults.

The habit contracted in the nursery persists until the grave. The intelligent lady scientist to whom we owe this definite analysis of baby psychology goes so far as to quote the regimental sergeant-major. Millions of men who have encountered that military gentleman will be profoundly grateful for the insurance that he is suffering from over-nutrition. That, and that alone, explains his bristling ginger moustache and his parade-ground bark.

All Over-Fed.

But the respected R.S.M. does not stand alone. The same is obviously and equally true of all kinds of supermen and bullies. Nearly all the unpleasantness in this world, which might be such a tranquil temporary respite for poor transient mortals, is due to a similar order of grossly over-nourished kill-joys.

It is the three-bottle baby, in his or her adult manifestation of later life, whose restless energy or masterful ambition keeps the rest of us in a constant turmoil of unrest. This adequately explains the Trade Union boss, the political tub-thumper, the earnest revolutionary, the office slave-driver, the autocrat of the breakfast-table, and even the club bore. We find these super-charged agitators in every walk of life and every grade of human activity.

When other people are well content to be quiescent, and let things be, these masterful spirits with the glutinous infancy must be up and doing. They belong to an order of men and women who seem to have been born with their sleeves tucked up. Not for them the soothing atmosphere of Louisiana. A place that was always slumbrous afternoon would drive them crazy in no time.

They had no joy in immemorial elms and the hums of murmuring bees. They must be after howling down the elms to make

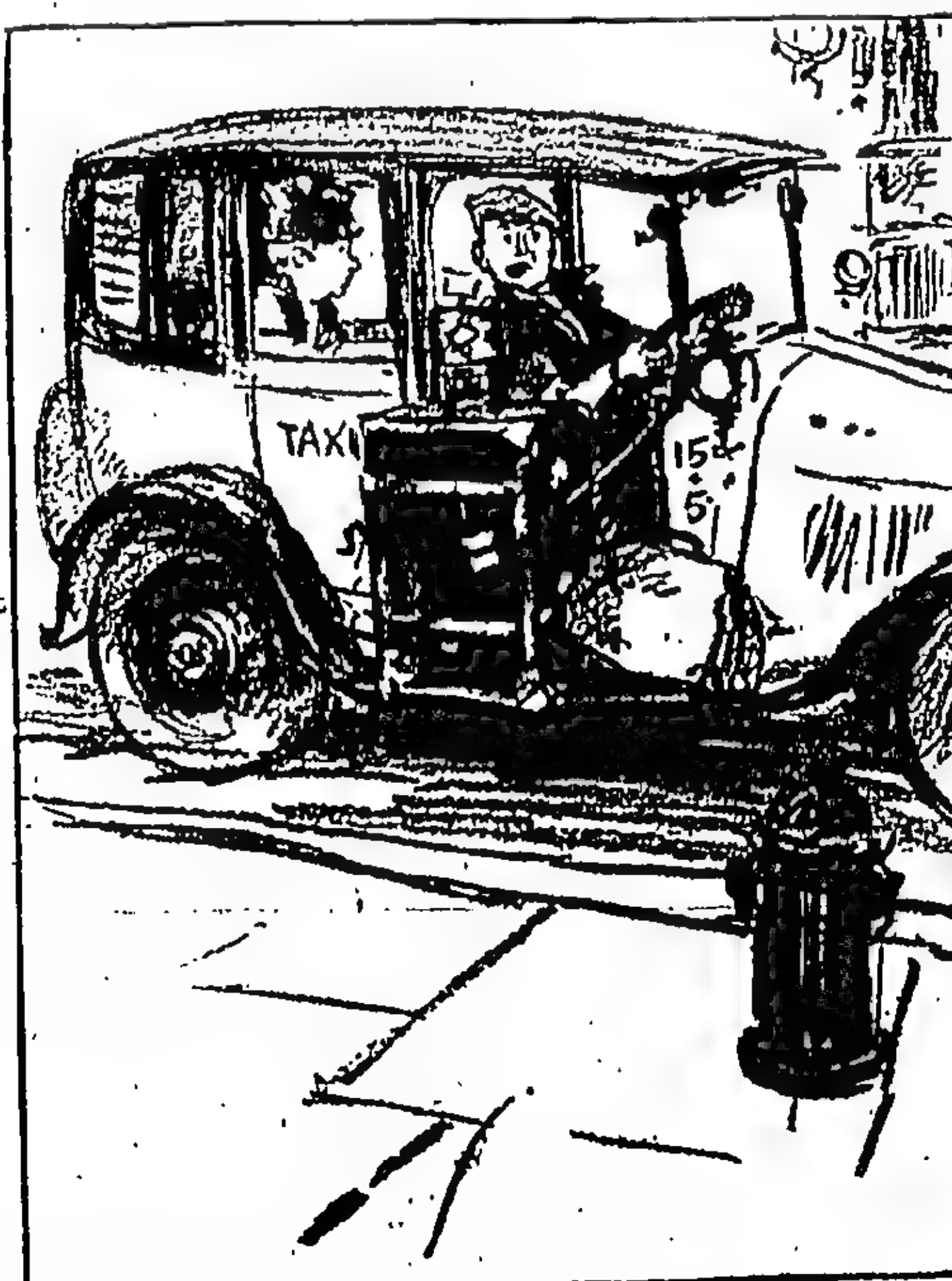
Meddling Politicians.

My Utopia holds an atmosphere that agitators cannot breathe. We are told that, in the Kingdom of the Blind, the one-eyed man is king. In the republic of the extreme democrat the loudest-voiced tub-thumper is dictator. There will always be evils to cure, injustices to remedy, inequalities to soften, but meanwhile all of us have but the one short life to live.

Mankind has need, in this world, of something more than politics. It is good sometimes to get away from the raucous arena, where political quacks shout their panaceas, and to watch the sky through country treecrooks whilst lying with one's back on the primeval grass of Mother Earth. The more politicians meddle with the universe, the worse they are likely to make it.

The mania for making everybody happy by Act of Parliament is as futile as the notion that we can all be made rich by taxation. The wisdom of the ancients proclaimed the happiest country the one with the fewest laws. A modern philosopher might add—and the fewest politicians. The red-faced orator on the soap-box is a fit and proper subject for curative treatment. In the interest of normal, contented folk, he ought to be medically de-vitaminized.

The world has known but one inspired Prophet. He preached the Sermon on the Mount, and its significant slogan was, not 'Are Imperator, but Blessed are the meek.



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Built for the P. and O. service from London and Marseilles to the Far East, the Carthage combines comfort and ease in travelling with beauty and luxury of taste. There are single and double bedrooms, some with private bath, all furnished with a care of detail pleasing to the eye.

Superbly appointed lounges, foyer, dining rooms and smoking rooms are features of the vessel. In addition the ship possesses an open-air swimming bath on deck, a spacious verandah cafe with an American bar, children's nursery and many other minor facilities for passengers. The vessel has a tonnage of 14,600 tons, and is provided with every convenience which forethought, and ingenuity have been able to contrive for the comfort and enjoyment of passengers.

Smoking Room.

This room, pine-panelled in the 17th Century manner, with carved mantelpiece and comfortable furniture, is a fine example of the P. and O. practice of combining beauty of design with practical arrangement. Large lattice windows give light to the room by day, and diffused artificial lighting adds to its charm by night.

The George V lounge imparts an air of restfulness and quietude in an atmosphere of beauty and modernity. Over the fireplace hangs a fine painting, on either side of which is a decorative panel lit from behind. The subdued patterns of the carpets, and the unpainted mahogany and sycamore furniture all add to the charms of the room.

The second class public rooms are planned on much the same generous lines as are those of the first class. The dining room is reminiscent of a modern French style and is paneled with sycamore plywood, with its doors, skirtings and pilasters in polished walnut. Its skilfully designed lighting and its walnut furniture may be described as a model of quiet, good taste.

Music Room.

The music room or lounge is eminently suited for the purpose for which it has been designed. It is paneled in bird's-eye maple, its doors and columns being of polished walnut. The furniture is of walnut and uncut moquette, with loose crocheted covers. Inset in a handsome marble fireplace is an electric fire, and the floor of the room is covered beneath its carpets with rubelium paid in panel effects.

The second class smoking room is decorated in the Georgian style, of which it is suggestive. Two leaded glass windows find their place in the forward bulk-head, and the occasional ceiling lights and electric candle brackets in bronze add a pleasantly modern touch. An electric fire set in a handsome fireplace adds to the room's cheerful aspect.

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SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.
Hongkong Bank, \$1370 n.
Chartered Bank, \$12 n.
Mercantile A. and B., \$18 n.
East Asiatic, \$127½ n.Insurance.
Canton Ins., \$1350 n.
Union Ins., \$400 n.
China Underwriters, \$462½ n.
China Fire, \$500 n.
H.K. Fire Ins., \$1250 n.Shipping.
Douglases, \$25 b.
H. K. Steamships, \$23 n.
Indo-China, (Pref.) \$45 n.
Union Waterboats, \$25 n.Mining.
Benquoets, \$11.50 n.
Kallans, 30/- a.
Shai Explorations, Tls. 2.70 n.
Rauha, \$39 a.Docks, etc.
Kowloon Wharves, \$153 b.
Whampoa Docks, \$23 n.
South China Motors \$10 n.Providents (old), \$3.30 n.
Hongkong, Tls. 22 n.
New Engineering, Tls. 6½ n.
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 30½ n.Cottons.
Two Cottons Tls. 15 n.
Shanghai Cottons, Tls. 80½ n.
Zoon Sings Tls. 11½ n.Lands, Hotels, etc.
H.K. Hotels (old), \$13.90 n.
H.K. S. Hotels (new), \$13 n.
H. K. Lands, \$78½ n.
Shai Lands, Tls. 30 n.Humphreys, \$14 b.
Realities, \$11.65 n.
Public Utilities.
Tramways, \$21.10 b.Peak Trams, (old), \$15.60 n.
Star Ferries, \$23 n.
China Lights, \$22½ n.
H. K. Electric, \$75 b.Macao Electric, \$23 n.
Telephones, \$43 n.
China Buses, Tls. 16 n.
Singapore Traction, 3/- b.Industrials.
Malbons, \$38 n.
Canton Ice, \$5 n.
Cements (com.), \$17.60 n.Ropes, \$16 n.
Stores, etc.
Dairy Farms, \$24 b.
Watsons, \$16.50 n.Der A. Wings, \$1 n.
Lane Crawfords, \$6.35 n.
Mackintosh, \$19 b.
Sinceres, \$16 n.Powells, \$3.60 n.
Miscellaneous.
Amusements (old), \$16½ n.
Entertainments (old), \$5.10 n.S. C. Enterprises \$10 n.
Constructions (new), \$2 n.
B. Ind. G. Bonds, \$68½ n.Loans, \$3½ b. Prem.
EXCHANGE RATES.Thursday. Yesterday.
Paris 87½. 87.11/16
Geneva 17½. 17.70
Berlin 14.17/32 14.7/32Oslo 18½. 18½
Helsingfors 22½. 22½
Athens 270. 270
Buenos Aires 39½. 39½Shanghai 1/10.13/16 Holiday
New York 3.45½ 3.45½
Amsterdam 8.56½ 8.57½
Vienna 32. 32Madrid 44.5/16 45
Bucharest 580 580
Hongkong 1/5.15/32 Holiday
Brussels 24.75 24.25/32Milan 0.06½ 0.06½
Stockholm 17.13/16 17.13/16
Copenhagen 18½. 18.3/16Prague 110½ 110½
Lisbon 109½ 109½
Rio 4.3/16 4.3/16
Bombay 1/6.9/32 1/6.9/32Yokohama 2/0½ 2/0½
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There was no startling lever. My guide had to telephone to an invisible operator in the vaults for the lift to be lowered, and even then he had to give three passwords. We descended. We stopped. We passed through a tunnel where there was not room for the two of us to walk abreast, and I had to precede my guide. A corridor of solid steel! I was told that the walls were eight feet thick. Upon the other side of them the sea surged. Had we two been a marauding horde, the corridor could have been flooded by the touch of a lever.

Like Books on a Shelf.

Our every movement was watched by the vault guard. Long mirrors at the corners betray the whole of the corridor to his eyes. On and on, twisting and turning, then into a wider open space. A turn to the right. . . . and there was the gold! It gleamed luminously behind iron bars, shelf upon shelf, bricks worth thousands ranged like books. "£15,000,000," my companion unconcernedly remarked. "We have twenty of these cells here, all containing the same amount. Would you like to see them?"

Would I? My heart beat high. My fingers clutched at the guarding bars. I could scarcely remove my eyes from the soft radiance. Gold, gold! gold! Ounces of it, pounds of it, tons of it! More gold than is gathered together in any one place in the world. I saw it all.

We removed on to another little room. Small bricks of Kaffir gold, each worth £2,000, were stacked into a little heap on the floor. Above and around bars of solid gold were ranged on shelves. Gold pressed out and ready for minting. Gold in the crude nugget form. Gold!

In one room, bars of it! In another, bricks; in a third, millions of little excited British sovereigns, stored in canvas bags. I was allowed to handle one bag. "It's very heavy," I commented. "I should think so," my guide answered, "you could enjoy £100 a week for life from the contents of it."

45-Ton Doors.

Gradually, the defences of this storehouse were explained. The main underground entrance to the vaults is guarded by two doors, each forty-five tons in weight, each held in place by two electrically-controlled two hundred pound bolts. The twin combinations of the lock are not known to any one man on earth. One man knows one; one man knows another. (Continued on Next Column.)

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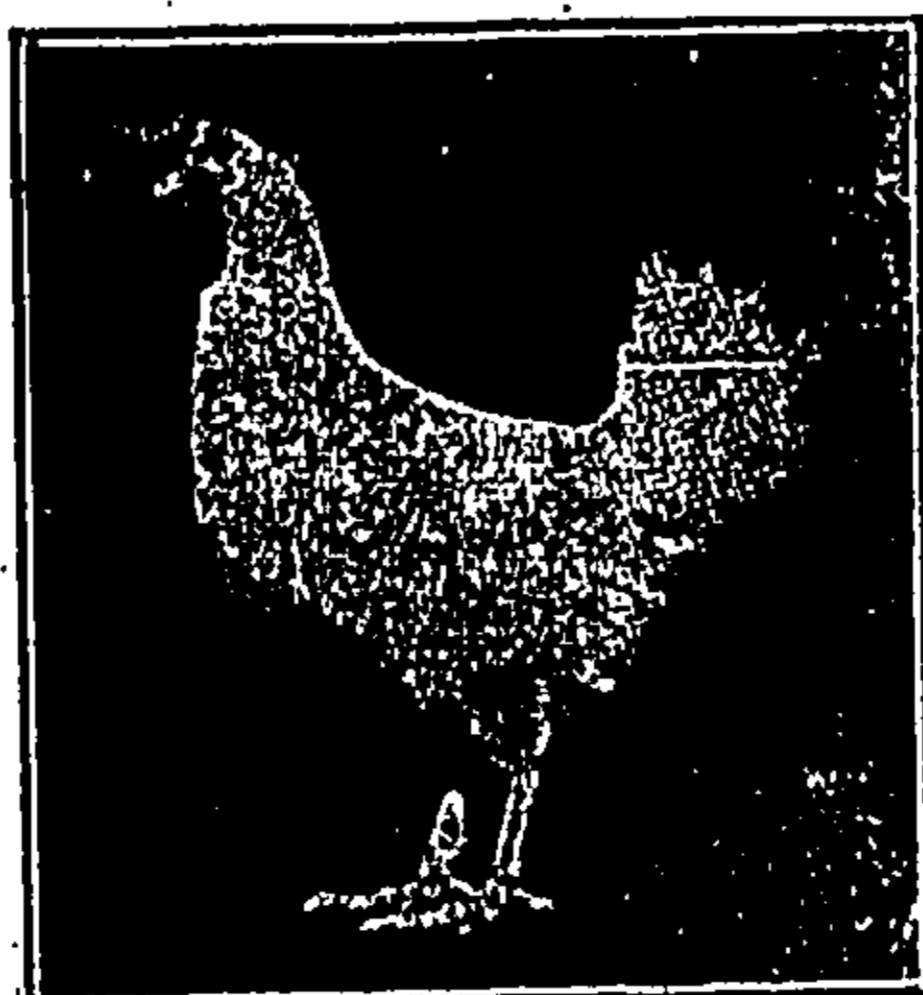
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LABOUR VOTE OF CENSURE.

Cabinet's Tariff Differences.

London, Feb. 8. The House of Commons to-night rejected by 438 votes to 19, a Labour vote of censure on the Government for dropping the principle of Cabinet responsibility (a reference to the tariff disagreement in the Cabinet), for failing to deal with the poverty of the people and for initiating "a reign of terror in India."

Mr. Stanley Baldwin, who is leading the Government in the absence of Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, justified the departure from Cabinet responsibility on the grounds that it would have been a grave matter for the world at large if within a few months of the inauguration of a National Government, any of its members had seceded.—*Reuter.*

GOVERNMENT'S FOLLOWING.

TO BE TESTED AT BYE-ELECTIONS.

London, Feb. 8. How far the Government retains the allegiance of the constitution, following the disclosure of its fiscal policy, should be revealed by the bye-elections which are taking place to-day at South Craydon and New Forest.

Both contests will be straight fights between Conservatives and Labour.

Liberal Attitude.

The Liberal attitude on the fiscal question was crystallised at a meeting of the Samuel Group, numbering about twenty and including the Lloyd George family, which decided to co-operate in firm opposition to the tariff proposals.

On the other hand, Sir John Simon and his supporters continue to uphold the Government.—*Reuter.*

WU PEI-FU IN THE FIELD.

APPEAL FOR FUNDS FOR WAR.

(Special to "Telegraph")

Shanghai, Feb. 9. According to Chinese reports from Peking, Marshal Wu Pei-fu, China's famous soldier-poet, and one-time leader of the new defunct Chihli military clique, intends to issue an appeal for financial support to enable China to put up "three years' continuous resistance against Japan."—*Reuter.*

THE SHANGHAI SITUATION.

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Chinese Claims.

Chinese reports state that seven hundred Japanese were disarmed, killed or wounded yesterday when about a thousand were drawn into an ambush by an overwhelmingly superior Chinese force near the Woosung Railway station.

Shanghai, Feb. 9, 1.43 a.m. Aiming at the destruction of the Japanese headquarters or the field-gun emplacements near the Japanese headquarters, the Chinese artillery opened a heavy bombardment last night.

About fifty shells of heavy calibre landed in that vicinity of Hongkew, most of which exploded. Both the Japanese headquarters and the guns escaped, but several houses close-by were demolished and the Dixwell Road police station was damaged.

The Sergeant-in-Charge of the station, interviewed by telephone after the bombardment, declared that he did not know the amount of the damage.

"All the windows which have not been smashed are fastened and I am not going out to investigate till the morning."

After this he rang off and presumably returned to the cellar.

Strike Over.

Shanghai, Feb. 9. The Chinese labourers, who went on strike at the commencement of the Japanese activities in Shanghai as a protest, yesterday decided to resume work. Consequently many shops were seen opening this morning.—*Reuter.*

Help for Refugees.

Shanghai, Feb. 9. To alleviate the suffering among the Chinese refugees in the Settlement, who now number over 100,000, including many Cantonese, the National Medical Association Headquarters here and the Cantonese Merchants' Club have sent telegrams to cities in South China appealing to Chinese charitable bodies for the provision of foodstuffs, medical and surgical supplies and clothing. An appeal has also been made to the South for the provision of steamers to convey some of the refugees to Canton and other ports in the South.—*Reuter.*

SCOTTISH CUP REPLAY.

DUNDEE UNITED AT LAST SUCCEED.

London, Feb. 9. In the Scottish Cup second round second replay to-day, Dundee United defeated Queen of the South by two goals to one. The match was played in Glasgow.—*Reuter.*

BRITISH BUDGET FORECAST.

SIXPENCE OFF INCOME TAX.

London, Feb. 9. Political correspondents claim inspiration for Budget forecasts, especially in regard to the Income Tax and ten taxation.

According to these prophets, the Chancellor of the Exchequer is definitely aiming at a reduction of sixpence in the Income Tax, and the imposition of a new tax on foreign tea.—*Reuter.*

POLICE RESERVE.

ORDERS FOR THE CURRENT WEEK.

Police Reserve Orders by the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.M.G., Inspector General of Police, state:

Chinese Company. Training Course—Part II.—There will be no Part II of Training Course on Tuesday, February 9th, 1932.

Defence Class.—There will be no defence class on Wednesday, February 10th, 1932.

Training Course—Part I.—There will be no Part I of Training Course on Thursday, February 11th, 1932.

N. C. O. Class.—There will be no N. C. O. Class on Friday, February 12th, 1932.

Flying Squad. Strength.—The following members have been permitted to resign as from February 6th, 1932:—Crown Sergeant R330 J. Kotewall, Constables R327 Look King and R328 Henry Kow.

Reserve Emergency Unit. Strength.—The following members have been taken on the strength of the Reserve Emergency Unit as from February 9th, 1932:—Constables R447 V. E. Koppe and R448 A. H. Stedman.

Rifle Practice.—A rifle practice for the Sniper Section will take place at the Tai Hang Range on Sunday, February 14th at 10.00 hours. Members will fall in at Queen's Pier at 09.45 hours with rifles. Uniform optional.

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WEATHER REPORT.

The Royal Observatory reports that the anti-cyclone is central to the north of Vladivostok, moving east. Another is forming over China. A depression has formed to the east of Loochoos. Local forecast:—North winds, strong; overcast at first, finer later.

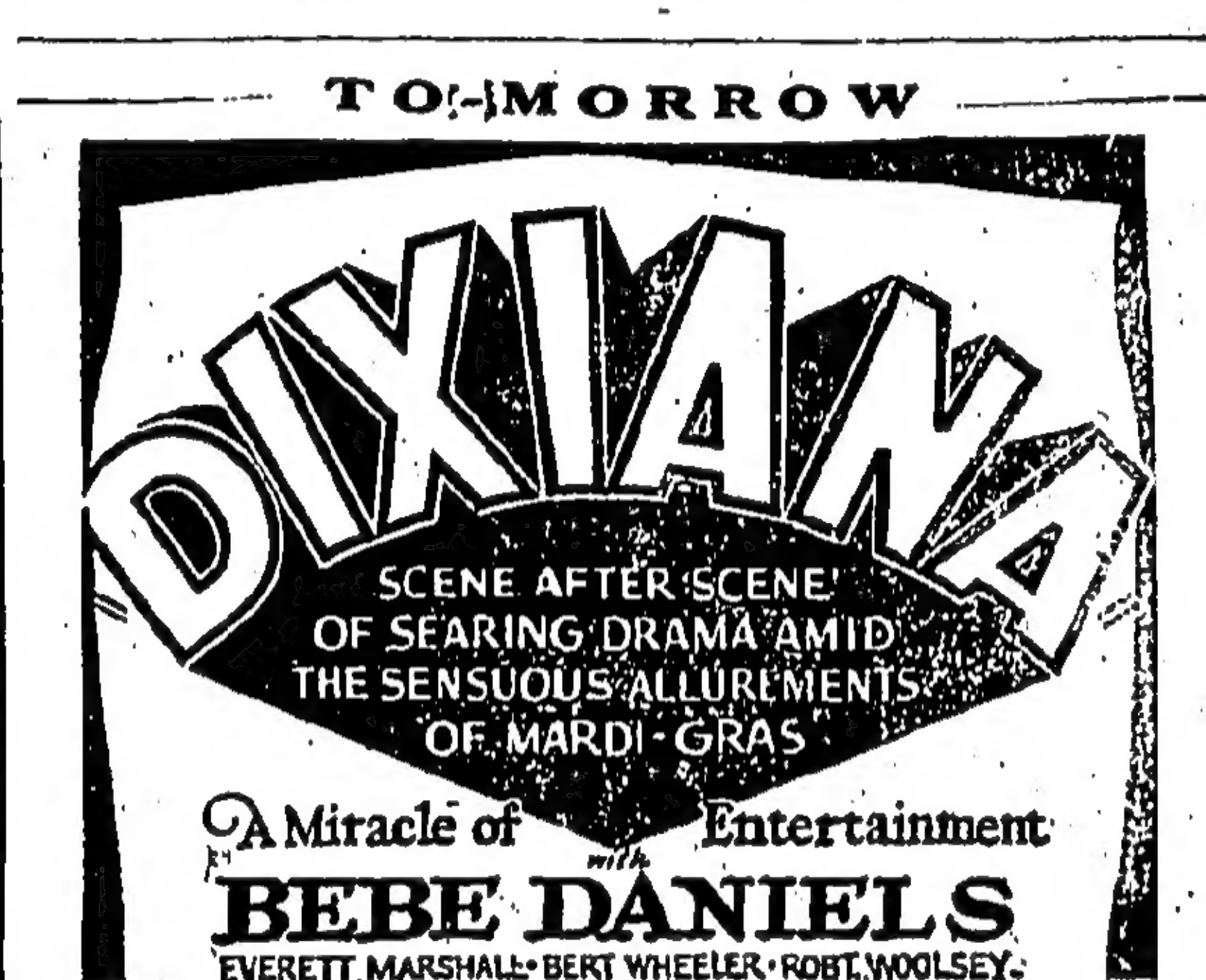
A bag-snatcher, who unsuccessfully operated in the Happy Valley district on Friday, being arrested by Sanitary Inspector "Sky" Kerrison after making an attempt on a Madame Lo, was sentenced by Mr. Wynne-Jones to three months' hard labour at the Central Police Court this morning. Denied the alternative of a fine for which he pleaded, he raised a big howl, and was led away blubbering.

QUEEN'S

TO-DAY ONLY at 2.30, 5.10, 7.15 & 9.20



TO-MORROW



AT THE STAR TO-DAY & TO-MORROW at 2.30, 5.20, 7.20 & 9.20. MARION DAVIES in "FIVE and TEN" A Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer production.

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ALLEGED PLOT.

M. LITVINOFF SAID TO BE IN DANGER.

Berne, Feb. 8. A rumour that Russian White Guards are preparing to make an attempt on the life of M. Litvinoff who is at present attending the Disarmament Conference, is current here as a result of a telegram

from Moscow to Sir Eric Drummond, Secretary-General of the League, declaring that the Soviet has received authentic information that Russian emigrants in Paris have organised a group of murderers with instructions to kill the Soviet delegate within four days. Although exhaustive police enquiries fail to reveal any evidence of such a plot, the Government are taking all possible precautions.—*Reuter's Special Service.*

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